KRENZ SCOTT J

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** KRENZ SCOTT J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/27/2012					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP & CFO			
PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300											
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
DULUTH, GA 30097								Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose	ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	06/27/2012			A	3,710 (1)	A	\$ 0	27,640	D		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	06/27/2012			F	1,204	D	\$ 22.43	26,436	D		
Common Stock, par	06/27/2012			F	1,204	D	\$ 22.43	25,232	D		

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value \$.01 per share

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number coof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 1 3 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Performance Shares	(2)	06/27/2012		A	7,420	<u>(2)</u>	(2)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	7,420	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KRENZ SCOTT J C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 **DULUTH, GA 30097**

SVP & CFO

Signatures

Scott J. Krenz 06/28/2012 **Signature of Date Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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- These shares of the Issuer's common stock were awarded by the Issuer to the Reporting Person as settlement of certain performance shares that were granted for the performance period of fiscal year 2011 (the "2011 Period"). Each performance share converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock and the vesting of such performance shares are contingent upon the Issuer meeting certain
- (1) performance objectives over the 2011 Period. The Issuer achieved 100% of its targeted performance goals for the 2011 Period and thus awarded the Reporting Person 11,130 shares of its common stock, representing 100% of the targeted amount. One-third of these performance shares vested as of the grant date, with the remaining two-thirds of the shares vesting on the second and third anniversaries of the grant date.
- Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive a share of the Issuer's common stock based on the Issuer's performance during the 2011 Period and the award granted to the Reporting Person as a result of such performance. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these performance shares on the second and third anniversaries of the grant date, the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on such dates.

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