

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ALSFINE JOEL

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR

05/03/2016

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10022

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2016 | | S | | 225,000 | \$ 58.12 | 2,000,596 I | See footnotes (1) (2) (3) |
| Common Stock | 05/03/2016 | | P | | 100 | \$ 58.12 | 2,000,696 I | See footnotes (1) (2) (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 3,253 D | (1) (2) |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Total Return Equity Swap | \$ 58.12 | 05/03/2016 | | J/K | 225,000 | <u>(4)(5)</u> | 06/06/2017 | Common Stock | 225,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ALSFINE JOEL 645 FIFTH AVENUE, 21ST FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022 | | | X | |

Signatures

/s/ Joel Alsfine 05/05/2016

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The reporting person states that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that he is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities covered by this statement, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest in such securities.

(2) The reporting person may be deemed to be a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer for purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act. The reporting person declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that he is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer.

(3) Represents securities owned by MSD SBI, L.P. ("MSD SBI"). MSD Capital, L.P. ("MSD Capital") is the general partner of MSD SBI and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD SBI. MSD Capital Management LLC ("MSD Capital Management") is the general partner of MSD Capital and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital. Each of Glenn R. Fuhrman and Marc R. Lisker is a manager of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital Management. Michael S. Dell is the controlling member of MSD Capital Management and may be deemed to beneficially own securities

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owned by MSD Capital Management. Each of Messrs. Dell, Fuhrman, and Lisker disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The reporting person is a partner in MSD Capital and may be deemed to beneficially own securities owned by MSD Capital.

On May 3, 2016, simultaneous with the disposition reported in Table I, MSD SBI entered into a cash-settled total return equity swap ("Total Return Swap") with Goldman Sachs International ("Goldman") with a reference price of \$58.12. Under the terms of the Total Return Swap (i) MSD SBI will be obligated to pay to Goldman any negative price performance of the 225,000 shares of common stock

(4) subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of the Total Return Swap, plus financing, and (ii) Goldman will be obligated to pay to MSD SBI any positive price performance of the 225,000 shares of common stock subject to the Total Return Swap as of the expiration date of such Total Return Swap. Any dividends received by Goldman on the 225,000 shares of common stock during the term of the Total Return Swap will be paid to MSD SBI.

(5) All balances will be cash settled at the expiration date of the Total Return Swap.

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