

Chandler Elizabeth B  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Chandler Elizabeth B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP & General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/27/2011

DULUTH, GA 30097  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 12/27/2011                           |  | M                              |   | 10,000 A \$ 8.33  | 59,243   | D                                 |
| Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 12/27/2011                           |  | S                              |   | 10,000 (2) D \$ 21  | 49,243   | D                                 |

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                              |
| Employee Stock Option (employee right to buy) | \$ 8.33  | 12/27/2011                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | <u>(1)</u> 05/13/2019                                    | Common stock, par value \$.01 per share 10,000                |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chandler Elizabeth B  
C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.  
2905 PREMIERE PKWY NW, SUITE 300  
DULUTH, GA 30097

VP & General Counsel

## Signatures

Darlene Quashe,  
Attorney-in-Fact 12/29/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The reporting person was granted a stock option to purchase 75,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock on May 13, 2009, the first installment of three equal vesting installments becoming exercisable on May 13, 2010.
- (2) This sale was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 18, 2011.

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