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### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Hult David W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

(Check all applicable)

President & CEO

INC [ABG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

03/12/2018

(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_\_ Director X\_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

**DULUTH, GA 30097** 

(City)

Common

Stock

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Reported

3,884 \$0 52,874 D M (1)

Common 03/12/2018 Stock

03/12/2018

1,762 F (2)

D 51.112

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 orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/12/2018		A	11,653		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	11,65
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/12/2018		M		3,884	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	3,88

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
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C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097

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President & CEO

## **Signatures**

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney In-Fact

03/14/2018

\*\*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) Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock issued upon the vesting of performance share units granted on February 8, 2017. This transaction represents the vesting of one-third of this award.
- (2) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of performance share units, and the conversion of such units into shares of the Issuer's common stock, granted on February 8, 2017.
- (3) Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 12, 2018. Each performance share unit converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock upon vesting. One-third of the performance share units granted on February 8, 2017 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 12, 2018, an additional one-third vests on February 8, 2019 and the remaining one-third vests on February 8, 2020.

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