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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Villasana George A Issuer Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [ABG] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE 03/04/2019 SVP, GC & Secretary GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **DULUTH, GA 30097** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Form: Direct Indirect Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 2,107 03/04/2019 \$0 17,066 D M (1) Stock Common 951 (2) D 03/04/2019 F 16,115 D Stock

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

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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Units	(3)	03/04/2019		A	6,323		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	6,323
Performance Share Units	<u>(3)</u>	03/04/2019		M		2,107	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	2,107

Reporting Owners

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

Villasana George A C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 DULUTH, GA 30097

SVP, GC & Secretary

Signatures

/s/George A.
Villasana

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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- * 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 7, 2018. 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 7, 2018.
- Represents vesting of performance share units upon the Issuer having met certain performance objectives, which objectives were certified as having been met on March 4, 2019. 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 7, 2018 vested upon certification of the objectives having been met, which occurred on March 4, 2019, an additional one-third vests on February 7, 2020 and the remaining one-third vests on February 7, 2021.

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