

PARHAM JOSEPH G JR
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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 *
PARHAM JOSEPH G JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

DULUTH, GA 30097

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/13/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
VP, Chief HR Officer

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 (A) or (D) Price		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	03/13/2012		A		2,900 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 36,534 D
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	03/13/2012		F		942	D	\$ 0 35,592 D

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

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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.

- (2) 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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