Stax William Frederick Form 4 February 11, 2019

## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stax William Frederick			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)  C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC., 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2019					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Controller & CAO		
DULUTH, (	(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Person  Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution I any (Month/Day		ned 3. n Date, if Transactio Code		4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/07/2019			Code V F	Amount 71 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 69.18	3,884	D	
Common Stock	02/07/2019			A	723 (2)	A	\$0	4,607	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2019			F	103 (3)	D	\$ 69.02	4,504	D	
Common Stock	02/08/2019			F	75 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 69.02	4,429	D	
	02/08/2019			M	324 (4)	A	\$0	4,753	D	

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Common Stock

Common \$ 4,655 98 (4) D F D 02/08/2019 Stock

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. P 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionof **Expiration Date** Underlying Securities Der Security or Exercise Code Derivative (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Price of Securities (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Derivative Acquired Security (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Amount Expiration Date Title Number Exercisable Date of Code V (A) Shares Performance Common <u>(5)</u> 02/08/2019 324 (5) (5) 324 M **Share Units** Stock

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

> > VP.

**CAO** 

Controller &

Stax William Frederick C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 **DULUTH, GA 30097** 

**Signatures** 

/s/George A. Villasana, Attorney 02/11/2019 In-Fact

> \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **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 the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 7, 2018.
- (2) Represents grant of restricted stock award. Vesting will occur in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (3) Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes upon the vesting of a restricted stock award granted on February 8, 2017.
- (4) 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.
- 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 vested on February 8, 2019 and the remaining one-third vests on February 8, 2020.

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