KRENZ SCOTT J Form 4

# March 20, 2013 **FORM 4**

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A KRENZ SC	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)  C/O ASBUT GROUP, IN PARKWAY	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/18/2013					Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP & CFO						
				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 Person			
(City)	Person								f, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	) Execution any		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or				5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	03/18/2013			Code V	Amount 5,546 (1)	(D)	Price \$ 0	36,795	D			
Common Stock	03/18/2013			F	1,850 (2)	D	\$ 37.19	34,945	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

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

KRENZ SCOTT J C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW, SUITE 300 **DULUTH, GA 30097** 

**SVP & CFO** 

### **Signatures**

/s/ George A. Villasana, Attorney in Fact

03/20/2013

\*\*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).

Represents shares of the Issuer's common stock that vested in connection with an award of performance share units granted to the Reporting Person in February 2012 for the performance period of fiscal year 2012 (the "2012 Period"). The actual number of performance share units that could be earned was contingent upon the achievement by the Issuer of certain performance goals set at the beginning of

- the 2012 Period. Each performance share unit earned converts into one share of the Issuer's common stock. For the 2012 Period, the Issuer achieved performance resulting in a payout of a number of shares of common stock equal to 130% of target and thus awarded the Reporting Person 16,640 shares of common stock. In order for the Reporting Person to receive these shares, the Reporting Person must be an employee of the Issuer on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date. This transaction represents the vesting of the first tranche of this award.
- Represents the number of shares of the Issuer's common stock withheld for payment of taxes on performance shares granted on February **(2)** 15, 2012.

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