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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Kearney Michael			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ABG]				<b>6</b>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
	JRY AUTOMOT NC., 2905 PREM		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2011					Director 10% Owner Self-cert (give title Other (specify below) EVP & COO			
	(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			
DULUTH,							1	Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/27/2011			Code V  M	Amount 60,606	(D)	Price \$ 16.5	219,768	D		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	07/27/2011			S	60,606	D	\$ 21.1015 (1)	159,162	D		
Common stock, par	07/27/2011			S	29,932	D	\$ 21.0819	129,230	D		

value \$.01 per share

(2)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative 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
Stock option (employee right to buy)	\$ 16.5	07/27/2011		M	60,606	(3)	03/13/2012	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	60,606

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Kearney Michael						
C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.			EVP &			
2905 PREMIERE PARKWAY NW			COO			
DULUTH, GA 30097						

### **Signatures**

Darlene Quashie, Attorney-in-Fact 07/29/2011

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

### **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 weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 60,606 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of \$20.6201 and \$21.59 by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the

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Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- Represents the weighted average share price of an aggregate total of 29,932 shares of the Issuer's common stock sold in the price range of (2) \$20.62 and \$21.41 by the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (3) The option became exercisable in three annual installments beginning on March 13, 2003.

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