

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 FS EQUITY PARTNERS III LP

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO., 11100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1900

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/29/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
 LOS ANGELES, CA 20025

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                          |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                                      |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/29/2006                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 66,985                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 17.67<br>(1)                            |
|                                          |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 2,284,376                                                                                     | I                                                        |                                            |

By Asbury Automotive Holdings LLC (2) (3)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                             | Relationships |           |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                                                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FS EQUITY PARTNERS III LP<br>C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO.<br>11100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1900<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 20025 |               | X         |         |       |
| FS CAPITAL PARTNERS LP<br>C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO.<br>11100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1900<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 20025    |               | X         |         |       |
| FS HOLDINGS INC<br>C/O FREEMAN SPOGLI & CO.<br>11100 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, SUITE 1900<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 20025           |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

Lynne A. Burgess,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/03/2006

\*\*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).
- (1) The shares were sold in an underwritten offering to the public at a price of \$18.50 per share (the "Public Offering Price"). The \$17.67 price per share realized by the Reporting Person is equal to the Public Offering Price net of an underwriting discount of \$0.83 per share.

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This Form 4 is being filed by more than one reporting person. Asbury Automotive Holdings, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Asbury LLC"), is the record holder of the securities reported on this Form 4 (the "FS Shares"). Pursuant to its limited liability company agreement, Asbury LLC holds the FS Shares for the benefit of FS Equity Partners, III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Partnership"), which holds a membership interest in Asbury LLC. FS Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership, (the "General Partner"), is the sole general partner of the Partnership. FS Holdings, Inc., a California corporation ("Holdings Corp."), is the sole general partner of the General Partner. Each of the General Partner and Holdings Corp. disclaim beneficial ownership of the FS Shares except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

- (2) John M. Roth is a director of both Asbury LLC and Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. Mr. Roth is an officer, director and shareholder of Holdings Corp. Mr. Roth disclaims beneficial ownership of the FS Shares owned by Holdings Corp., except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interests therein.

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