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October 12, 2004

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 12, 2004 Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) _____ _____ (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) 622 Third Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY 10017 -----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) (212) 885-2500 _____ (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

The registrant hereby files the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release of Asbury Automotive Group,

Inc., dated October 12, 2004.

The registrant issued a press release on October 12, 2004, announcing that based on preliminary unaudited financial information for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, the Company's earnings from continuing operations are expected to be between \$0.39 and \$0.41 per diluted share, compared to \$0.51 in the prior year quarter, which press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

Date: October 12, 2004 By: /s/ Kenneth B. Gilman

Name: Kenneth B. Gilman

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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