Knight David Form 4 May 20, 2013

# FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Knight David			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 ROSS DRIVE			04/15/2013	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  EVP Product Mgmnt & Marketing			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)			
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/15/2013		M(1)	5,000	A	\$ 5.48	5,000	D	
Common Stock	04/15/2013		S(1)	5,000 (2)	D	\$ 16.6667	0	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2013		M(1)	5,000	A	\$ 5.48	5,000	D	
Common Stock	05/15/2013		S <u>(1)</u>	5,000 (2)	D	\$ 18.3864	0	D	

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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 omf 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	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 5.48	04/15/2013		M <u>(1)</u>	5,000	<u>(5)</u>	04/29/2021	Common Stock	5,000
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 5.48	05/15/2013		M(1)	5,000	<u>(5)</u>	04/29/2021	Common Stock	5,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Knight David C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

**EVP Product Mgmnt & Marketing** 

### **Signatures**

/s/ David Knight By Michael Yang, Attorney-In-Fact 05/20/2013

\*\*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).
- (1) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 7, 2012.

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- (2) Represents the aggregate of sales effected on the same day at different prices.
- Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$16.44 to \$16.75 per share. Full information (3) regarding the number of charge sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange
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  - Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$18.21 to \$18.41 per share. Full information
- (4) regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.
- (5) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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