Steele Gary Form 4 January 04, 2018

## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Steele Gary	lress of Report	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 ROSS DRIVE			01/03/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SUNNYVAL	E, CA 94089	)		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	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)	Code (Instr. 8)	nor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	ed of ( and 5 (A) or	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/03/2018		Code V $M_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 40,000	(D)	Price \$ 3.88	88,551	D		
Common Stock	01/03/2018		S <u>(1)</u>	38,200 (2)	D	\$ 92.034 (3)	50,351	D		
Common Stock	01/03/2018		S <u>(1)</u>	1,800 (2)	D	\$ 92.5323 (4)	48,551	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 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 on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	ivative Expiration Date urities (Month/Day/Year) uritied (A) Disposed of  tr. 3, 4,		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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.88	12/05/2017		M <u>(1)</u>	40,000	<u>(5)</u>	03/09/2020	Common Stock	40,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Steele Gary C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	X		Chief Executive Officer				

# **Signatures**

/s/ Gary Steele by Michael Yang,
Attorney-in-Fact
01/04/2018

\*\*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 December 7, 2016.
- (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 \$91.46 to \$92.41 per share. Full information (3) 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.
- Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$92.4701 to \$92.62 per share. Full information 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.

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(5) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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