Auvil Paul R. III Form 4 August 03, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Auvil Paul R. III			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
C/O PROOFPO ROSS DRIVE	OINT, INC.	, 892	(Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2018	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SUNNYVALE	c, CA 94089		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	or Beneficially	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	TransactionDisposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 (Instr. 8)		(A) or		Securities O Beneficially Fe Owned D Following or Reported (I	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/01/2018		Code V $M_{\underline{(1)}}$	Amount 3,479	(D)	Price \$ 5.48	79,528	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2018		M(1)	19,969	A	\$ 7.98	99,497	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2018		S(1)	18,999 (2)	D	\$ 112.5853 (3)	80,498	D	
Common Stock	08/01/2018		S <u>(1)</u>	21,001 (2)	D	\$ 114.7088 (4)	59,497	D	
							446,398	I	

Common	By
Stock	family
	trust

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)	onDer Sec Acc or I (D) (Ins	ecurities equired (A) Disposed of	Expiration D	Expiration Date Underl		tle and Amount of orlying Securities r. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	' (A)	a) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.48	08/01/2018		M <u>(1)</u>		3,479	<u>(5)</u>	04/29/2021	Common Stock	3,479	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.98	08/01/2018		M <u>(1)</u>		19,969	<u>(5)</u>	01/23/2022	Common Stock	19,969	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (6)						<u>(7)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	Common Stock	50,000 (8)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Auvil Paul R. III C/O PROOFPOINT, INC.			Chief					
892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			Financial Officer					

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Signatures

/s/ Paul R. Auvil III by Michael Yang, Attorney-In-Fact

08/03/2018

**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 transaction reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 4, 2018.
- (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 \$112.26 to \$113.08 per share. Full
- (3) 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.
- Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$114.14 to \$115.00 per share. Full
- (4) 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.
- (5) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.
- (6) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.
- (7) The RSUs vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments beginning on June 1, 2019. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.
- (8) These RSUs were previously reported as common stock and are now being reported in Table II as derivative securities.

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