Steele Gary Form 4 August 10, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Steele Gary

> (First) (Middle)

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 **ROSS DRIVE**

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]

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

08/08/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

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X Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acquire	d, 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)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or TransactionDisposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/08/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	33,015	A	\$ 5.48	121,589	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	16,985	A	\$ 7.98	138,574	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2018		S(1)	4,500 (2)	D	\$ 116.5204 (3)	134,074	D	
Common Stock	08/08/2018		S(1)	43,900 (2)	D	\$ 117.7106 (4)	90,174	D	
	08/08/2018		S(1)		D		88,574	D	

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Common 1,600 \$ 118.19 Stock (2) (5)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of conDerivative 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	Amount o Number o Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.48	08/08/2018		M <u>(1)</u>		33,015	<u>(6)</u>	04/29/2021	Common Stock	33,015
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.98	08/08/2018		M <u>(1)</u>		16,985	<u>(6)</u>	01/23/2022	Common Stock	16,985
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (7)						(8)	(8)	Common	130,000 (9)

Reporting Owners

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

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

08/10/2018

**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 June 8, 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 \$116.12 to \$117.00 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 \$117.12 to \$118.11 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.
- Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$118.115 to \$118.35 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.
- (6) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.
- (7) Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.
- The RSUs vest quarterly as to 1/4th of the total RSUs in equal installments, with the first 1/4th vesting on September 1, 2018. An
- (8) additional 1/4th of the total RSUs will vest on each of December 1, 2018, March 1, 2019 and June 1, 2019. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.
- (9) These RSUs were previously reported as common stock and are now being reported in Table II as derivative securities.

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