

Steele Gary  
Form 4  
December 06, 2017

**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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Steele Gary

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892  
ROSS DRIVE

(Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]

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

12/05/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/05/2017                              |                                                             | M <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 40,000                                                                  | A \$ 3.88                                                                                                          | 88,551                                                                  | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/05/2017                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 6,415<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                                 | D \$<br>84.3943<br><sup>(3)</sup>                                                                                  | 82,136                                                                  | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/05/2017                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 11,713<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                                | D \$<br>85.5945<br><sup>(4)</sup>                                                                                  | 70,423                                                                  | D                                                                 |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/05/2017                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 7,159<br><sup>(2)</sup>                                                 | D \$<br>86.4589<br><sup>(5)</sup>                                                                                  | 63,264                                                                  | D                                                                 |

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|              |            |              |                      |   |                             |        |   |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/05/2017 | S <u>(1)</u> | 14,313<br><u>(2)</u> | D | \$<br>87.5349<br><u>(6)</u> | 48,951 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/05/2017 | S <u>(1)</u> | 400 <u>(2)</u>       | D | \$<br>88.0225<br><u>(7)</u> | 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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 3.88                                                | 12/05/2017                           |                                                    | M <u>(1)</u>                   | 40,000                                                                                  | <u>(8)</u> 03/09/2020                                    | Common Stock 40,000                                         |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

12/06/2017

                    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 \$84.00 to \$84.99 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 \$85.00 to \$85.97 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.
- Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$86.00 to \$86.99 per share. Full information
- (5) 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 \$87.00 to \$87.93 per share. Full information
- (6) 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 \$88.005 to \$88.04 per share. Full
- (7) 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.
- (8) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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