

Steele Gary
Form 4
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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
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Person

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) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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 | 12/05/2017 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 40,000 A | \$ 3.88 88,551 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/05/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 6,415 (2) D | \$ 84.3943 82,136 (3) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/05/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 11,713 (2) D | \$ 85.5945 70,423 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/05/2017 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 7,159 (2) D | \$ 86.4589 63,264 (5) | D | |

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|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 12/05/2017 | S <u>(1)</u> | 14,313 <u>(2)</u> | D | \$ 87.5349 <u>(6)</u> | 48,951 | D |
| Common Stock | 12/05/2017 | S <u>(1)</u> | 400 <u>(2)</u> | D | \$ 88.0225 <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 C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE 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 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.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$85.00 to \$85.97 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.
- (4) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$86.00 to \$86.99 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.
- (5) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$87.00 to \$87.93 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) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$88.005 to \$88.04 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.
- (7) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.
- (8)

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