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FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Knight David | | | 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 | (Check an applicable) | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 ROSS DRIVE | | 892 | 02/14/2019 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP/GM, Threat Sys Product Grp | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| SUNNYVALE | E, 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) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | | sed of 4 and (A) or | ` ′ | 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 | 02/14/2019 | | S(1) | 40 | D | \$ 117.38 | 19,662 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2019 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 120 (2) | D | \$ 118.52 (3) | 19,542 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2019 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 600 (2) | D | \$ 119.8203 (4) | 18,942 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2019 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 740 (2) | D | \$ 120.8532 (5) | 18,202 | D | |

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | isable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transact | tionNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) |) Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 3 | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | A | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title N | or | |
| | | | | | | | | | Number | |
| | | | | G 1 1 | 7 (4) (5) | | | | of | |
| | | | | Code V | V (A) (D) | | | | Shares | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Knight David C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

EVP/GM, Threat Sys Product Grp

Signatures

/s/ David Knight By Michael Yang, Attorney-In-Fact

02/19/2019

**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 \$118.19 to \$118.79 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 \$119.24 to \$120.12 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

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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 \$120.38 to \$121.11 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.

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