Steele Gary Form 4 December 13, 2018

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Steele Gary			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 appreciate)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892			12/12/2018	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
ROSS DRIVE				Chief Executive Officer		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089				_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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transactionor Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect Beneficial ect (D) Ownership direct (Instr. 4)

(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 3	o)	Owned Following	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/12/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	47,617	A	\$ 14.12	152,577	D
Common Stock	12/12/2018		S <u>(1)</u>	47,617 (2)	D	\$ 95.0033 (3)	104,960	D
Common Stock	12/13/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	2,383	A	\$ 14.12	107,343	D
Common Stock	12/13/2018		S(1)	2,383	D	\$ 95	104,960	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.12	12/12/2018		M <u>(1)</u>	47,617	<u>(4)</u>	03/04/2023	Common Stock	47,617
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.12	12/13/2018		M ⁽¹⁾	2,383	<u>(4)</u>	03/04/2023	Common Stock	2,383

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting 6 wher runte / runte 65	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

**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.

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- (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 \$95.00 to \$95.055 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.
- (4) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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