

Steele Gary  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(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)  
C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892  
ROSS DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/16/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chief Executive Officer

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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(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. 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/16/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		40,000	A	\$ 3.88
Common Stock	11/16/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		6,253 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 89.9017 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	11/16/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		29,241 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 90.9983 <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	11/16/2017		S <sup>(1)</sup>		4,506 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 91.4862 <sup>(5)</sup>

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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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.88	11/16/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>	40,000	<sup>(6)</sup> 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  
Date: 11/20/2017

\_\_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.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$89.40 to \$90.24 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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Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$90.4001 to \$91.39 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 \$91.40 to \$91.65 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.

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