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FORM 4

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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Steele Gary Issuer Symbol PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 02/06/2019 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) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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	02/06/2019		Code V M(1)	Amount 4,219	(D)	Price \$ 0	147,275	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2019		M(1)	4,219	A	\$ 0	151,494	D	
Common Stock	02/06/2019		F(2)	4,184	D	\$ 115.88	147,310	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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	5. Number omf Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) red sed of 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	02/06/2019		M <u>(1)</u>	4,219	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,219	\$
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	02/06/2019		M(1)	4,219	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	4,219	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	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 02/07/2019

Explanation of Responses:

**Signature of Reporting Person

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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otherwise dispose of any of the shares reported on this Form 4 for any reason other than to cover required taxes.

(1) Vesting of performance-based RSUs earned by the Reporting Person on June 1, 2018 as a result of the Reporting Person having met certain performance criteria.

Exempt transaction pursuant to Section 16b-3(e) - payment of exercise price or tax liability by delivering or withholding securities incident to the receipt, exercise or vesting of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3. All of the shares reported as disposed of in this Form 4 were relinquished by the Reporting Person and cancelled by the Issuer in exchange for the Issuer's agreement to pay federal and state tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Person resulting from the vesting of RSUs. The Reporting Person did not sell or

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- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.
 - The RSUs vest as to 5/16th of the total number of shares on June 1, 2018; 3/16th of the total number of shares on February 6, 2019; and
- (4) thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments beginning on February 6, 2020. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

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