

Steele Gary  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(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)  
02/15/2018

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)

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**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	02/15/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		23,015	A	\$ 3.88
Common Stock	02/15/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		16,985	A	\$ 5.48
Common Stock	02/15/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		17,050 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 101.7485 <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>		16,957 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 102.7357 <sup>(4)</sup>
	02/15/2018		S <sup>(1)</sup>			D	71,188

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Common Stock 5,993 (2) \$ 103.318 (5)

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 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)	\$ 3.88	02/15/2018		M(1)	23,015	(6) 03/09/2020	Common Stock 23,015
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.48	02/15/2018		M(1)	16,985	(6) 04/29/2021	Common Stock 16,985

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 02/16/2018

\*\*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 \$101.19 to \$102.16 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.  
Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$102.21 to \$103.20 per share. Full
- (4) 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.  
Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$103.21 to \$103.50 per share. Full
- (5) 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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