

PROOFPOINT INC
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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

(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)
03/23/2016

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 | 03/23/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 3,207 | A | \$ 1.09 |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,481 | A | \$ 3.06 |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2016 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 20,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | \$ 52.1217 ⁽³⁾ |
| | | | | | | | 26,682 |
| | | | | | | | 31,163 |
| | | | | | | | 11,163 |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) | \$ 1.9 | 03/23/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 3,207 | ⁽⁴⁾ 10/26/2016 | Common Stock | 3,207 |
| Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) | \$ 3.06 | 03/23/2016 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 4,481 | ⁽⁴⁾ 01/27/2019 | Common Stock | 4,481 |

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

03/25/2016

__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 transaction reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 9, 2015.
- (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 \$52 to \$52.91 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

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Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

- (4) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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