

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

(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)  
09/01/2018

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	09/01/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		32,500	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	09/01/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>		16,114	D	\$ 118.65
Common Stock	09/04/2018		S <sup>(3)</sup>		50,000	A	\$ 7.98
Common Stock	09/04/2018		S <sup>(3)</sup>		28,214 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$ 116.7194 <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock	09/04/2018		S <sup>(3)</sup>		21,786 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	\$ 117.5767

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	09/01/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		32,500	<sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(8)</sup>	Common	32,500
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.98	09/04/2018		M <sup>(3)</sup>		50,000	<sup>(9)</sup>	01/23/2022	Common Stock	50,000

## 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

09/05/2018

          \*\*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) Vesting of restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the Reporting Person on June 8, 2018.

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 on this row 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 otherwise dispose of any of the shares reported on this row for any reason other than to cover required taxes.

(3) 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.

(4) 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 \$116.18 to \$117.175 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) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$117.19 to \$118.11 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.

(7) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.

The RSUs vest quarterly as to 1/4th of the total RSUs in equal installments, with the first 1/4th vesting on September 1, 2018. An

(8) additional 1/4th of the total RSUs will vest on each of December 1, 2018, March 1, 2019 and June 1, 2019. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

(9) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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