Steele Gary Form 4 April 01, 2019

# FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
C/O PROOFPO ROSS DRIVE	OINT, INC.	892	(Month/Day/Year) 03/28/2019	_X_ Director 10% Owner Selection Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
SUNNYVALE	E, CA 94089		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (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	03/29/2019		M <u>(1)</u>	7,900	A	\$0	158,906	D	
Common Stock	03/29/2019		F(2)	3,918	D	\$ 121.43	154,988	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	(A) or of (D)	Expiration Date		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
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	03/28/2019		A	16,000		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	16,000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	03/29/2019		M <u>(1)</u>		3,950	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	3,950
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# **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 04/01/2019

\*\*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") earned by the Reporting Person on May 1, 2017 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
- (2) 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 otherwise dispose of any of the shares reported on this Form 4 for any reason other than to cover required taxes.
- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.

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- (4) The RSUs will vest as to 100% of the shares on February 1, 2024. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.
- The RSUs vest as to 5/16th of the total number of shares on May 1, 2017; 3/16th of the total number of shares on March 29, 2018; and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments beginning on March 29, 2019. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

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