

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)  
12/01/2018

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/01/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>		32,500	A	\$ 0	137,460	D
Common Stock	12/01/2018		F <sup>(2)</sup>		16,114	D	\$ 97.01	121,346	D
Common Stock	02/01/2019		M <sup>(3)</sup>		10,750	A	\$ 0	132,096	D
Common Stock	02/01/2019		M <sup>(4)</sup>		7,900	A	\$ 0	139,996	D
Common Stock	02/01/2019		M <sup>(5)</sup>		11,250	A	\$ 0	151,246	D

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Common Stock	02/01/2019	M <sup>(6)</sup>	10,650	A	\$ 0	161,896	D
Common Stock	02/01/2019	F <sup>(2)</sup>	18,840	D	\$ 114.51	143,056	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. 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	12/01/2018		M <sup>(1)</sup>	32,500	<sup>(8)</sup>	<sup>(8)</sup>	Common Stock	32,500
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/01/2019		M <sup>(3)</sup>	10,750	<sup>(9)</sup>	<sup>(9)</sup>	Common Stock	10,750
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/01/2019		M <sup>(4)</sup>	7,900	<sup>(10)</sup>	<sup>(10)</sup>	Common Stock	7,900
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/01/2019		M <sup>(5)</sup>	11,250	<sup>(11)</sup>	<sup>(11)</sup>	Common Stock	11,250
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(7)</sup>	02/01/2019		M <sup>(6)</sup>	10,650	<sup>(12)</sup>	<sup>(12)</sup>	Common Stock	10,650

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

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Steele Gary  
C/O PROOFPOINT, INC.  
892 ROSS DRIVE  
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

Chief  
Executive  
Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Gary Steele by Michael Yang,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/05/2019

\_\_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") 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 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 otherwise dispose of any of the shares reported on this Form 4 for any reason other than to cover required taxes.
- (3) Vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on March 24, 2015.
- (4) Vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on March 29, 2016.
- (5) Vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on February 6, 2017.
- (6) Vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on March 19, 2018.
- (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 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 RSUs vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2016 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.
- (10) The RSUs vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2017 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.
- (11) The RSUs vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2018 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.
- (12) The RSUs vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2019 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

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