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Steele Gary Symbol								0	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Month				7/2015 -				_	(Check all applicable) _X Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify elow) below) Chief Executive Officer			
				Ionth/Day/Year) A				A	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - No	on-l	Derivative	Secu		red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securit nor Dispos (Instr. 3, 4)	ed of		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	09/17/2015			M <u>(1)</u>		20,000	А	\$ 1.9	20,001	D		
Common Stock	09/17/2015			S <u>(1)</u>		19,442 (2)	D	\$ 59.5559 (<u>3)</u>	559	D		
Common Stock	09/17/2015			S <u>(1)</u>		558 <u>(2)</u>	D	\$ 60.1661 (4)	1	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 of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numl of Sh
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 1.9	09/17/2015		M <u>(1)</u>	20,000	(5)	10/26/2016	Common Stock	20,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Steele Gary C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	Х		Chief Executive Officer				
Signatures							
/s/ Gary Steele by Michael Yang, Attorney-in-Fact		09/2	21/2015				
** 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 February 3, 2014.
- (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 \$59.14 to \$60.13 per share. Full information(3) 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 \$60.15 to \$60.18 per share. Full information(4) 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.

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

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