PROOFPOINT INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

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			
	(Month/Day/Year)	X Director 10% Owner		
C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 ROSS DRIVE	02/01/2016	_X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
SUNNYVALE, CA 94089		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) ((Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitin(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	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	02/01/2016		M(1)	15,000	A	\$ 0	15,001	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2016		M(2)	10,750	A	\$ 0	25,751	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2016		F(3)	13,438	D	\$ 49.61	12,313	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)	Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDeriv any Code Secur (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acqui or Dis (D)		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	3 (
				Code V ((A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (4)	02/01/2016		M(1)	15,000	<u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	15,000	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (4)	02/01/2016		M(2)	10,750	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	10,750	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
·r·	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 02/03/2016

**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) Vesting of restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the Reporting Person on March 17, 2014.
- (2) Vesting of RSUs granted to the Reporting Person on March 24, 2015.
 - 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
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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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- (5) The RSUs vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2015 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.
- (6) 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.

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