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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]

(Check all applicable)

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892

(First)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

_X__ Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

ROSS DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Chief Executive Officer

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

10/07/2014

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tab | ole I - Non- | Derivative | Secui | rities Acquir | ed, 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. Securit onor 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 | 10/07/2014 | | M(1) | 18,312 | A | \$ 1.9 | 20,001 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/07/2014 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 19,900 (2) | D | \$ 38.2687 (3) | 101 | D | |
| Common Stock | 10/07/2014 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 100 | D | \$ 38.98 | 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) | stionDerivative E Securities (N | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 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 | 10/07/2014 | | M(1) | | 18,312 | <u>(4)</u> | 10/26/2016 | Common Stock | 18,3 |

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

**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 \$37.87 to \$38.81 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.
- (4) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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