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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1(b).

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See Instruction

Name and Addr Knight David	ress of Reporting	ng Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
C/O PROOFPO ROSS DRIVE	OINT, INC.,	, 892	01/22/2016	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP&GM, Info Security Products		
	(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	e I - Non-D	Perivative Securities Acq	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Or Amount (D) Price	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	01/22/2016	M <u>(1)</u>	3,700	A	\$ 7.98 5,261	D
Common Stock	01/22/2016	S <u>(1)</u>	3,700 (2)	D	\$ 60.02 1,561 (3)	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 omf 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 7.98	01/22/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	1,561	<u>(4)</u>	01/23/2022	Common Stock	1,561
Incentive stock option (right to buy)	\$ 7.98	01/22/2016		M(1)	2,139	<u>(4)</u>	01/23/2022	Common Stock	2,139

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Knight David C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089			EVP&GM, Info Security Products			

Signatures

/s/ David Knight By Michael Yang, Attorney-In-Fact 01/25/2016

**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) The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 6, 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 \$60.00 to \$60.19 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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