PROOFPOINT INC

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FORM 4

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Newell Tracey Issuer Symbol PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 07/18/2016 below) below) **ROSS DRIVE** EVP, Worldwide Sales (Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative Securities Ac	quired, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) onor Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price	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	07/18/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	20,000 A \$ 29.4	4 37,467	D	
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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 onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	Underlying So	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numl of Sh
Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.44	07/18/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	20,000	<u>(4)</u>	10/11/2023	Common Stock	20,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Newell Tracey C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

EVP, Worldwide Sales

Signatures

/s/ Tracey Newell by Michael Yang, Attorney-in-Fact

07/19/2016

**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 February 4, 2016.
- (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 \$66.42 to \$67.38 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 vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on August 16, 2014 and thereafter vest as to 1/48th of the total number of shares in equal monthly installments.

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