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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 * Knight David | | | 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) | Director 10% Owner | | | |
| C/O PROOFPO ROSS DRIVE | | , 892 | 09/19/2017 | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP/GM, Threat Sys Product Grp | | | |
| (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) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secu | rities Acqui | red, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | ransactionor Dispo ode (Instr. 3 nstr. 8) | | ` ′ | 5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| C | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (msu. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2017 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 3,000 | A | \$ 36 | 16,874 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2017 | | S(1) | 2,098 (2) | D | \$ 90.9795 (3) | 14,776 | D | |
| Common Stock | 09/19/2017 | | S <u>(1)</u> | 902 (2) | D | \$ 91.6931 (4) | 13,874 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Numbe of Shares |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 36 | 09/19/2017 | | M <u>(1)</u> | 3,000 | <u>(5)</u> | 03/26/2024 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Knight David C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

EVP/GM, Threat Sys Product Grp

Signatures

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

09/21/2017

**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 December 6, 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 \$90.42 to \$91.41 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) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$91.44 to \$91.90 per share. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price shall be provided upon request to the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange

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Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.

(5) The stock option vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2015 and thereafter vested and shall continue to vest as to 1/48th of the total number of shares in equal monthly installments.

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