#### PROOFPOINT INC

Form 4

November 21, 2013

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### 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 <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]	(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			11/19/2013	X Officer (give title Other (specification)  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		
SUNNYVA	LE, CA 940	89		Form filed by More than One Reporting		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ble I - Nor	-Derivative Secu	rities	Acquired,	Disposed of, or Be	neficially Ow	ned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities According According (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  Amount	•	(A) or	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	11/19/2013		S(1)	14,695.6522 (2)	D	\$ 30.219 (3)	206,993.3478	D	
Common Stock	11/19/2013		S <u>(1)</u>	5,304.3478 (2)	D	\$ 30.777 (4)	201,689	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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
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(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	J
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
F8 0 W ( W )	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 transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 10, 2012.
- (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 \$29.69 to \$30.68 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.
- Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$30.69 to \$30.91 per share. Full information (4) 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.

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