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| PROOFPOINT INC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                        |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                                   |  |  |
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| Form 4<br>May 03, 2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                        |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                                   |  |  |
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| FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                        |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         | 3235-0287                                                         |  |  |
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| Section 16.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF<br>SECURITIES                                          |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         | Expires: 2005<br>Estimated average<br>burden hours per            |  |  |
| Form 4 or<br>Form 5<br>obligations<br>may continue.response0.5See Instruction<br>1(b).Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,<br>Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section<br>30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 19400.5 |                                                                                                        |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                                   |  |  |
| (Print or Type Responses)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                        |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                                   |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person<br>Auvil Paul R. III                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticke<br>Symbol<br>PROOFPOINT INC []                                                | -                                                       | 5. Relationship of I<br>Issuer                                                                                               | Reporting Pers                                                          | son(s) to                                                         |  |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 3. Date of Earliest Transact                                                                           | -                                                       | (Check                                                                                                                       | all applicable                                                          | 2)                                                                |  |  |
| C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892<br>ROSS DRIVE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Director 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title Other (specify<br>below) below)<br>Chief Financial Officer |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                                   |  |  |
| (Street)<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94089                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4. If Amendment, Date Ori<br>Filed(Month/Day/Year)                                                     | ginal                                                   | <ul> <li>6. Individual or Joi</li> <li>Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by O</li> <li> Form filed by Mage</li> </ul> | ne Reporting Pe                                                         | rson                                                              |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                         | Person                                                                                                                       |                                                                         |                                                                   |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Table I - Non-Derivation                                                                               |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         | -                                                                 |  |  |
| (Instr. 3) any                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | ution Date, if Transaction(A)                                                                          | curities Acquired<br>r Disposed of (D)<br>: 3, 4 and 5) | Owned                                                                                                                        | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                        | (A)<br>or                                               | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                                                                                           | (11011-1)                                                               |                                                                   |  |  |
| Common of 101/2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Code V Amo                                                                                             |                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                                                                   |  |  |
| Stock 05/01/2017                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | M <u>(1)</u> 5,50                                                                                      | 0 A \$0                                                 | 95,958                                                                                                                       | D                                                                       |                                                                   |  |  |
| Common 05/01/2017<br>Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | M <u>(1)</u> 2,50                                                                                      | 0 A \$0                                                 | 98,458                                                                                                                       | D                                                                       |                                                                   |  |  |
| Common 05/01/2017<br>Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | M <u>(1)</u> 2,50                                                                                      | 0 A \$0                                                 | 100,958                                                                                                                      | D                                                                       |                                                                   |  |  |
| Common 05/01/2017<br>Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | F <u>(2)</u> 5,48                                                                                      | 0 D <sup>\$</sup><br>75.76                              | 95,478                                                                                                                       | D                                                                       |                                                                   |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                        |                                                         | 446,398 <u>(3)</u>                                                                                                           | Ι                                                                       | By family<br>trust                                                |  |  |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactio<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>onDerivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>Disposed<br>(Instr. 3, 4 | e<br>(A) or<br>of (D) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code V                                 | (A)                                                                             | (D)                   | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>                                                       | 05/01/2017                              |                                                             | А                                      | 11,000<br><u>(5)</u>                                                            |                       | (6)                                                            | (6)                | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 11,000                              |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>                                                       | 05/01/2017                              |                                                             | А                                      | 8,000<br>(5)                                                                    |                       | (7)                                                            | (7)                | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 8,000                               |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>                                                       | 05/01/2017                              |                                                             | А                                      | 8,000<br>(5)                                                                    |                       | (7)                                                            | (7)                | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 8,000                               |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>                                                       | 05/01/2017                              |                                                             | M <u>(1)</u>                           |                                                                                 | 5,500                 | (6)                                                            | (6)                | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 5,500                               |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>                                                       | 05/01/2017                              |                                                             | M <u>(1)</u>                           |                                                                                 | 2,500                 | (7)                                                            | (7)                | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 2,500                               |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                        | \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>                                                       | 05/01/2017                              |                                                             | M <u>(1)</u>                           |                                                                                 | 2,500                 | (7)                                                            | (7)                | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 2,500                               |

### **Reporting Owners**

| <b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>                                              | Relationships |           |                               |       |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |  |  |  |
| Auvil Paul R. III<br>C/O PROOFPOINT, INC.<br>892 ROSS DRIVE<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 |               |           | Chief<br>Financial<br>Officer |       |  |  |  |

## Signatures

/s/ Paul R. Auvil III by Michael Yang, Attorney-In-Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

05/03/2017 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) Vesting of performance-based RSUs ("PRSUs") earned by the Reporting Person on May 1, 2017 as a result of the Reporting Person having met certain performance criteria.

Exempt transaction pursuant to Section 16b-3(e) - payment of exercise price or tax liability by delivering or withholding securities incident to the receipt, exercise or vesting of a security issued in accordance with Rule 16b-3. All of the shares reported as disposed of in

- (2) this Form 4 were relinquished by the Reporting Person and cancelled by the Issuer in exchange for the Issuer's agreement to pay federal and state tax withholding obligations of the Reporting Person resulting from the vesting of RSUs or PRSUs. The Reporting Person did not sell or otherwise dispose of any of the shares reported on this Form 4 for any reason other than to cover required taxes.
- (3) These shares were transferred by the Reporting Person to his family trust in February 2017 and were erroneously reported as directly-owned in Form 4 filings following such transfer.
- (4) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.
- (5) Represents PRSUs earned by the Reporting Person on May 1, 2017 as a result of the Reporting Person having met certain performance criteria.

The RSUs vest as to 1/2 of the total number of shares on May 1, 2017 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments beginning on March 24, 2018. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

The RSUs vest as to 5/16th of the total number of shares on May 1, 2017; 3/16th of the total number of shares on March 29, 2018; and ) thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments beginning on March 29, 2019. Shares of the

(7) thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

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