

Auvil Paul R. III
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Auvil Paul R. III

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)
 C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892
 ROSS DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/28/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2019 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 4,000 A | \$ 0 | 78,192 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/29/2019 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 1,984 D | \$ 121.43 | 76,208 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 411,398 | I By family trust |

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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 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 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 03/28/2019 | | A | | 16,000 | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Stock | 16,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 03/29/2019 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 03/29/2019 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,000 | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 2,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

04/01/2019

**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) Vesting of restricted stock units ("RSUs") 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. 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.

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- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.
- (4) The RSUs vest annually as to 1/4th of the total RSUs in equal installments, with the first 1/4th vesting on February 1, 2020. 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
- (5) 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 Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

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