

Knight David  
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 \*  
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)

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892  
ROSS DRIVE

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

12/07/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP/GM, Threat Sys Product Grp

(Street)

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

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |        |   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/07/2017                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,431   | A  | \$ 36   | 15,305 | D |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/07/2017                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 972   | A  | \$ 57.49  | 16,277 | D |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/07/2017                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 400 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | \$ 83.85 <sup>(3)</sup>                               | 15,877 | D |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/07/2017                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,200 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | \$ 85.3708 <sup>(4)</sup>                             | 14,677 | D |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/07/2017                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,400 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  | \$ 86.0141  | 13,277 | 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 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 36  | 12/07/2017                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,431   | <sup>(6)</sup> 03/26/2024                                | Common Stock  | 1,431                      |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 57.49   | 12/07/2017                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 972   | <sup>(7)</sup> 04/06/2025                                | Common Stock  | 972                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Knight David<br>C/O PROOFPOINT, INC.<br>892 ROSS DRIVE<br>SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 |               |           | EVP/GM, Threat Sys Product Grp |       |

## Signatures

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

12/11/2017

\*\*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 \$83.57 to \$84.12 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 Commission, the Issuer, or a security holder of the Issuer.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$84.70 to \$85.66 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 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 \$85.71 to \$86.27 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 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.
- (6) The stock option vested as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on February 1, 2016 and thereafter vested and shall continue to vest as to 1/48th of the total number of shares in equal monthly installments.
- (7)

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