

PROOFPOINT INC

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AUVIL PAUL R. III

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Auvil Paul R. III <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892 ROSS DRIVE <small>(Street)</small> SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">5/15/2017</p> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 | 5/15/2017 | | M (1) | | 25000 | A | \$3.88 | 120478 | D | |
| Common Stock | 5/15/2017 | | S (1) | | 9692 (2) | D | \$85.5329 (3) | 110786 | D | |
| Common Stock | 5/15/2017 | | S (1) | | 14408 (2) | D | \$86.3894 (4) | 96378 | D | |
| Common Stock | 5/15/2017 | | S (1) | | 900 (2) | D | \$87.0694 (5) | 95478 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 446398 | I | By family trust |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Non-qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$3.88 | 5/15/2017 | | M (1) | | 25000 | | (6) | 3/9/2020 | Common Stock | 25000 | \$0 | 9227 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The transaction reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 7, 2016.
- (2) Represents the aggregate of sales effected on the same day at different prices.
- (3) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$85.00 to \$85.98 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 \$86.00 to \$86.99 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) Represents the weighted average sales price per share. The shares sold at prices ranging from \$87.025 to \$87.095 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.
- (6) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

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| Auvil Paul R. III C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |
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Signatures

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

5/16/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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