

PROOFPOINT INC

Form 4

March 28, 2017

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Newell Tracey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892
ROSS DRIVE

(Street)

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/24/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below) below)

EVP, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 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)
Common Stock	03/24/2017		M ⁽¹⁾	1,750 A \$ 0	35,618	D	
Common Stock	03/24/2017		F ⁽²⁾	906 D \$ 73.37	34,712	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)

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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	03/24/2017		M ⁽¹⁾	1,750	⁽⁴⁾ ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	1,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Newell Tracey C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	EVP, Worldwide Sales

Signatures

/s/ Tracey Newell by Michael Yang,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/28/2017

__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) Vesting of performance-based RSUs ("RSUs") earned by the Reporting Person on June 21, 2016 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 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.

- (3) Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive 1 share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon settlement for no consideration.

The RSUs vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares on June 21, 2016 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in equal annual installments beginning on March 24, 2017. Shares of the Issuer's common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person following vesting.

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