

PROOFPOINT INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
 SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Bettencourt Anthony J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892
 ROSS DR.

(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)
 04/25/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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 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 (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)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Common Stock	04/25/2016		M	12,500	A	\$ 11	22,612	D
Common Stock	04/25/2016		S	12,500	D	\$ 57.054	10,112	D
					(1)	(2)		

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares				
					Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 11	04/25/2016		M	12,500	(<u>3</u>)	04/10/2022	Common Stock	12,500			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bettencourt Anthony J C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DR. SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	X			

Signatures

/s/ Anthony J. Bettencourt by Michael Yang, Attorney-in-Fact 04/26/2016

**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) 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 \$56.81 to \$57.4098 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) The stock option is immediately exercisable in full.

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