

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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(Print or Type Responses)

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)  
05/01/2017

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)

EVP, Worldwide Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 (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	05/01/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		3,500	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	05/01/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,250	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	05/01/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>		1,250	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	05/01/2017		F <sup>(2)</sup>		3,133	D	\$ 75.76
							21,846
							23,096
							24,346
							21,213

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/01/2017		A	7,000 <sub>(4)</sub>	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	7,000	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/01/2017		A	4,000 <sub>(4)</sub>	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	4,000	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/01/2017		A	4,000 <sub>(4)</sub>	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	4,000	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/01/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>	3,500	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock	3,500	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/01/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,250	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,250	
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/01/2017		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,250	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock	1,250	

## 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

05/03/2017

\_\_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 ("PRSUs") 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 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 or PRSUs. 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.
- (4) Represents PRSUs earned by the Reporting Person on May 1, 2017 as a result of the Reporting Person having met certain performance criteria.  

The RSUs vest as to 1/2 of the total number of shares on May 1, 2017 and thereafter will vest as to 1/4th of the total number of shares in
- (5) equal annual installments beginning on March 24, 2018. 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
- (6) 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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