Johnson Michael M Form 4 July 18, 2018

FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

ROSS DRIVE

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Johnson Michael M

(First)

(Street)

C/O PROOFPOINT, INC., 892

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

PROOFPOINT INC [PFPT]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

07/16/2018

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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10% Owner

Other (specify

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January 31,

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X_ Director Officer (give title below)

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

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

SUNNYVALE, CA 94089

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price

Code V

1,687 Common 07/16/2018 A \$0 3,727 D Stock (1)

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Johnson Michael M C/O PROOFPOINT, INC. 892 ROSS DRIVE SUNNYVALE, CA 94089	X						

Signatures

/s/ Michael M. Johnson by Michael Yang, Attorney-in-Fact

07/18/2018

**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 an award of restricted stock units ("RSUs"). 100% of the RSUs will vest on May 30, 2019. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock upon settlement for no consideration.

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