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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Addr Burke Steve | 1 0 | Person* | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>PROTEON THERAPEUTICS INC</u> [PRTO] | | ationship of Reporting Pe k all applicable) Director | 10% Owner |
|---|---------|----------------|---|--------|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PROTEON THERAPEUTICS | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2017 | X | Officer (give title below) SVP and Chief Me | Other (specify below) dical Officer |
| 200 WEST ST | REET | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6 Indi | vidual or Joint/Group Filir | a (Chack Applicable |
| (Street) WALTHAM | MA | 02451 (7in) | | Line) | Form filed by One Re Form filed by More the Person | porting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | 1 | | |

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. Transa Code (8) | | 4. Securities Disposed Of 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 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 | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (1130.4) |
| Common Stock | 12/29/2017 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | v | 3,934 | D | \$1.296 | 111,469 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 11,666 | Ι | See footnote ⁽²⁾ |

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. Transa Code (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) 0. Date Disposed of (D) Date Exercisable Expiration Date (A) (D) Date Exercisable 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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | | | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares were acquired under the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the plan period of July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in a transaction that was exempt under both Rule 16b-3(d) and Rule 16b-3(c).

2. These securities involved a gift of securities by the reporting person to the Steven Edward Burke Irrevocable Trust u/a 11/15/2000 and the Timothy Andrew Burke Irrevocable Trust u/a 12/28/1998, both of which are irrevocable trusts established by the reporting person for the benefit of his sons who are deemed to share the reporting person's household. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his sons, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of his sons' shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

<u>/s/ George A. Eldridge as</u> <u>attorney-in-fact for Steven</u> <u>Keith Burke</u>

ture of Reporting Person Date

01/03/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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