

FORM 3

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Smith Adam Jeffrey</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>12276 SAN JOSE BLVD.</u> <u>SUITE 426</u> (Street) <u>JACKSONVILLE FL 32223</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/06/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Proficient Auto Logistics, Inc [PAL]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Senior VP of Administration</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,632</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>10,112</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Restricted Stock Units</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>8,299</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On March 24, 2025, the Reporting Person was awarded 15,167 restricted stock units that vest in equal installments on each of March 24, 2026, 2027 and 2028. The restricted stock units that vested on March 24, 2026 are not included in the total in Table II and are included in Table I. These restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
2. On February 13, 2026, the Reporting Person was awarded 8,299 restricted stock units that vest in equal installments on each of February 13, 2027, 2028 and 2029. These restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.

Remarks:

Ex. 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Bradley J. Wright, as attorney-in-fact 08/17/2026
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 5 (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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that Adam Jeffrey Smith (the "Filer") hereby constitutes and appoints Bradley J. Wright acting as the Filer's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) prepare, execute and file for and on behalf of the Filer a Form ID, including any amendments thereto, and any other related documents or action necessary or appropriate to obtain or update from the Electronic Gathering and Retrieval System of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), the codes, numbers and passphrases enabling the Filer to make electronic filings with the SEC;

(2) execute for and on behalf of the Filer, in the Filer's capacity as an officer and/or director of Proficient Auto Logistics, Inc. (the "Company") Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and rules thereunder;

(3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the Filer which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Form ID, Form 3, 4 or 5 and other related documents and the timely filing of such forms with the SEC; and

(4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the Filer, it being understood that the documents executed by any such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the Filer pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in any such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that any such attorney-in-fact or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of August 17, 2026.

By:

/s/ Adam Jeffrey Smith

Name: Adam Jeffrey Smith

Title: Senior Vice President Administration