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Director

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

FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Kriens, Scott G.
487 East Middlefield Road

Mountain View, CA 94043
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VeriSign, Inc. (VRSN)
3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
1/2/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Director
7. 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	2) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3) Trans- action Code Code V	4) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) Nature of Ownership D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock				80,000	I	Kriens 1996 Trust

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1 through 6)

1) Title of Derivative Security	2) Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	4) Trans- action Code Code V	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A D	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Exercisable Expiration
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.4880	01/02/03	A	12,500	(1) 01/02/13
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$38.0600	01/02/02	A V	12,500	(1) 01/02/12
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)					01/02/11

Table II (PART 2) Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (Columns 1,3 and 7 through 11)

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Trans- action Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title	8) Price of Deri- vative Security Amount or Number of Shares	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10) Nature of Ownership D or I	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/02/03	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	01/02/02	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	25,000	25,000	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)
Are exercisable as to 6.25% of the shares each quarter after the date of grant.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact
For: Scott G. Kriens
DATE 01/02/03