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

FORM 5
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Kremian, F. Terry
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/Year
12/02

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP and GM,
Telecom Services Group

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	4. Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) A or D Price	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock				3,716	D	Direct

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	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)	\$4.5000				07/01/08
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.3700				11/10/07
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.6100				08/20/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$20.4400				10/07/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.7100	02/21/02	A	180,000	(1) 02/21/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$28.7000				02/01/11
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$45.4400				04/24/10

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 Year	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	37,200	37,200	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	46,500	46,500	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	81,840	81,840	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	186	186	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/21/02	Common Stock	180,000	180,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	46,500	46,500	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	12,090	12,090	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)
25% of the total options granted vest and become exercisable one year after the date of grant and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter until fully vested.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact
For: F. Terry Kremian
DATE 02/12/03