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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)
Lewis, Russell S.
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,
Global Registry Services: ISG

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				50,000		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)	\$10.0800	05/24/02	A	100,000	(1) 05/24/09
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)	\$34.1600				09/06/08
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$34.4380				03/15/08
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$189.5350				03/20/05

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	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/24/02	Common Stock		100,000		D Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option	02/21/02	Common Stock		180,000		D Direct

(right to buy) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	40,000	40,000	D	Direct
(right to buy) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	40,000	40,000	D	Direct
(right to buy) Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	79,523	79,523	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

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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.

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Total Shares reduced by 43 shares to reflect involuntary liquidation on or about July 22, 2002 of the shares previously being held frozen under the terminating Networks Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan due to the inability to perform an in-kind transfer of the shares between the former Network Solutions, Inc. 401(k) Plan and the VeriSign, Inc. 401(k) Plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

/S/ By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact

For: Russell S. Lewis

DATE 02/12/03