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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)
Evan, Dana L.
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, Finance and Admin and
Chief Financial Officer

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				4,596	D	Direct
Common Stock				101,177	I	Evan 1991 Lvg Trust
Common Stock				20,242	I	by TDC&R Inv LP

Table II (PART 1) Derivative Securitized 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
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.6719				10/30/05
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$151.2500				08/01/07
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.6719				10/30/05
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.0800	05/24/02	A	75,000	(1) 05/24/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.7100	02/21/02	A	100,000	(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)	\$37.0625				07/30/06
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$74.1880				12/29/07
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$151.2500				08/01/07

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

1) Title of Derivative Security	3) Transaction Date	7) Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8) Price of Derivative Security	9) Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
-	-	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	-	-	-
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	21,156	21,156	D	Direct
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	1,322	1,322	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	62,350	62,350	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/24/02	Common Stock	75,000	75,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/21/02	Common Stock	100,000	100,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	90,000	90,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	40,000	40,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	198,646	198,646	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	25,000	25,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	123,678	123,678	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: Dana L. Evan

DATE 02/12/03