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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)
Sclavos, Stratton D.
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)
Chairman of the Board,
President and CEO

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				85,600	I	by EladhaPartnersLP
Common Stock				24,173	D	Direct
Common Stock				177,192	I	by Sclavos1990RVTrst
Common Stock				12,205	I	by SclavosFmlyFndtn
Common Stock				18,333	I	by SclavosFmlyPrtncs

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
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$7.6719				10/30/05
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.7500				11/04/04
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$74.1880				12/29/07
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.7500				11/04/04
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	600,000	(1) 05/24/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.3125				12/15/05
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.7813				12/18/05

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.7100	02/21/02	A	400,000	(1)	02/21/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$22.7100	02/21/02	A	200,000	(1)	02/21/09
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.0625					07/30/06
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$42.7910					04/20/04
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$59.4000					05/02/08
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$74.1880					12/29/07
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$55.9400					08/01/08

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	16,288	16,288	D	Direct
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	27,133	27,133	D	Direct
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	2,694	2,694	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	23,296	23,296	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	65,409	65,409	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/24/02	Common Stock	600,000	600,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	400,000	400,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	800,000	800,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/21/02	Common Stock	400,000		D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/21/02	Common Stock	200,000	600,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	400,000	400,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	32,250	32,250	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	100,000	100,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	97,306	97,306	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	1,225,000	1,225,000	I	By Boutari Ventures

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: Stratton D. Sclavos
DATE 02/12/03