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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)  
Gallivan, Quentin P.  
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)  
Executive Vice President

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) Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3) Transaction Code	4) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock				115,970	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) Transaction Date	4) Transaction Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (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 Securities 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	9) Number of Derivative Securities	10) D	11) Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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-	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Beneficially Owned at End of Year	I	Ownership
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	14,118		14,118	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	52,296		52,296	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	35,000		35,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	168,750		168,750	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	50,000		50,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	123,678		123,678	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.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

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

For: Quentin P. Gallivan

DATE 02/12/03