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Director

VeriSign, Inc.  
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94-3221585

12/31/02  
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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)  
Chenevich, William 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)  
Director

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 or Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock				3,000	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) Transaction Date	4) Transaction Code	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date
				A D	Exercisable Expiration
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.2500	07/25/02	A	12,500	(1) 07/25/12
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$41.1875				07/23/06
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$47.1700				07/26/11
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$76.2500				01/26/11
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$184.6250				07/24/10

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) 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 or Beneficial Ownership
		Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	07/25/02	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	30,000	30,000	D	Direct

Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	5,000	5,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Common Stock	7,500	7,500	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

(1)

Are exercisable as to 6.25% of the shares each quarter after the date of grant.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

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

For: William L. Chenevich

DATE 02/12/03