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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)
Pereira, Anil H. 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)
EVP and GM,
Enterprise/Serv Provider Div

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) Amount Price	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6) D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common Stock	01/08/02	G	60	D	1,964	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
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.8750				08/17/05
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$37.0625				07/30/06
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$151.2500				08/01/07
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)	\$26.0625				03/05/06
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)	\$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) Trans- action	7) Title and Amount of Underlying	8) Price of Deri-	9) Number of Derivative	10) 11) Nature of Indirect
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	Date	Securities Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	D or I	Beneficial Ownership
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Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	3,775		3,775	D	Direct
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	6,074		6,074	D	Direct
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	661		661	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	72,250		72,250	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	35,000		35,000	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	4,736		4,736	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	99,339		99,339	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: Anil H. P. Pereira
DATE 02/12/03