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VeriSign, Inc.
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

[] Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s)
Cowan, David J.
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/Day/Year
5/2/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/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) Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership D or I	7) Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership D or I
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	100	D \$11.8100	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	178	D \$11.8100	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.8100	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	100	D \$11.8150	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.8100	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.8100	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.8100	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.8101	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	190	D \$11.8400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	190	D \$11.8400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	290	D \$11.8400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	157	D \$11.8400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	65	D \$11.6400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.6300	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	200	D \$11.6310	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.6340	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.6350	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	200	D \$11.6500	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.6400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	100	D \$11.6400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	100	D \$11.6400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.6400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.6410	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	200	D \$11.6400	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	100	D \$11.6410	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.6410	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	259	D \$11.6500	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	500	D \$11.6600	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.6600	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.6601	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.6610	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	400	D \$11.6600	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.6600	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.6600	D	Direct
Common Stock	05/02/03	S	300	D \$11.6610	0	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 Code V	5) Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) A D	6) Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Exercisable Expiration
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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$9.8125	07/24/05
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$41.1875	07/23/06
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$47.1700	07/26/08
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$76.2500	01/26/08
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$184.6250	07/24/07
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5.2500	07/25/12

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 Month	10) D or I	11) Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
-		Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	11,750	11,750	D	Direct
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	13,125	13,125	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
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)		Common Stock	12,500	12,500	D	Direct

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/S/ By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact
For: David J. Cowan
DATE 05/02/03