

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 5

February 12, 2003

- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
RACHESKY, ROBERT
1455 VALLEY ROAD
WAYNE, NJ 07470-
- 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP (VLY)
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Statement for Month/Year
12/2002
- 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
- 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
() Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) 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)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Yea
Common Stock					288268

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