

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SHINKLE JOHN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP
 [TRUED]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

122 W MADISON STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

OTTAWA, IL 61350

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | 11/22/2006 | | P | V | Amount \$ 19.5 | 10,061 ⁽¹⁾ | I | IRA |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | | 1,079 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|-------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 13.875 | | | | | 11/13/2006 | 02/16/2008 | COMMON STOCK | 2,000 |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 11.25 | | | | | 11/13/2006 | 02/11/2009 | COMMON STOCK | 2,000 |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 11.75 | | | | | 11/13/2006 | 02/15/2011 | COMMON STOCK | 3,750 |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 15.09 | | | | | 11/13/2006 | 12/19/2012 | COMMON STOCK | 2,500 |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 23.29 | | | | | 11/13/2006 | 12/18/2013 | COMMON STOCK | 2,500 |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | \$ 21.75 | | | | | 11/13/2006 | 12/17/2014 | COMMON STOCK | 2,500 |
| | \$ 21.15 | | | | | 11/13/2006 | 12/15/2015 | | 2,500 |

DIRECTOR
STOCK
OPTION
(RIGHT TO
BUY)

COMMON
STOCK

DIRECTOR
STOCK
OPTION \$ 14.25
(RIGHT TO
BUY)

11/13/2006 02/20/2012 COMMON STOCK 3,750

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SHINKLE JOHN A 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350 | X | | | |

Signatures

JOHN A.
SHINKLE 11/22/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) INCLUDES 4,061 SHARES IN TRUST, 1,500 SHARES IN AN INVESTMENT CLUB, 100 SHARES BY SPOUSE AND 300 SHARES BY CHILDREN.

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