

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
 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 \*  
 HOEKSTRA CAROL

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/24/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

KANKAKEE, IL 60901  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock					3,325 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					7,642.27 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan
Common Stock					182	I	Spouse
Common Stock	02/23/2006	02/23/2006	I		3,768.47	A	\$ 26.98
					11,482.67 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	Spouse 401(k) Plan

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.25					10/09/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/08/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.5					10/19/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/19/2014	Common Stock	1,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27					<sup>(5)</sup> 12/29/2012	Common Stock	1,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOEKSTRA CAROL 310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE KANKAKEE, IL 60901			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Carol Hoekstra

02/24/2006

\*\*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) All shares are held in a joint account with spouse, except for 200 shares held individually.
- (2) All shares were accumulated through automatic paycheck deductions to 401(k) plan. Number of shares is based on plan statements as of 2/24/2006.
- (3) This option will vest in equal installments of 1,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 10/09/2004.
- (4) This option will vest in equal installments of 200 shares per year over 5 years beginning 10/19/2005.
- (5) This option will vest in equal installments of 200 shares per year over 5 years beginning 12/29/2006.

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