

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
STEVENSON KURT R

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)  
122 W MADISON STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/22/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SR EXEC VICE PRES/CFO

OTTAWA, IL 61350

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 01/22/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 100 A \$ 16.0625  | 825  | D  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 01/22/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 500 A \$ 18.5   | 1,325 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | D  |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 6,770  | I 401K 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 15  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/11/2004   | 02/11/2009  | COMMON STOCK | 500                        |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 11.75   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/15/2006   | 02/15/2011  | COMMON STOCK | 2,93                       |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 14.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2006   | 02/20/2012  | COMMON STOCK | 2,93                       |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 15.09   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2006   | 12/19/2012  | COMMON STOCK | 2,39                       |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 20.3  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2006   | 06/16/2015  | COMMON STOCK | 5,00                       |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 19.6  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2007   | 07/07/2013  | COMMON STOCK | 7,50<br>(2)                |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 16.0625   | 01/22/2008                           |  | M                              | 100   | 11/18/2002   | 11/18/2009  | COMMON STOCK | 100                        |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 18.5  | 01/22/2008                           |  | M                              | 500   | 02/16/2003   | 02/16/2008  | COMMON STOCK | 500                        |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

STEVENSON KURT R  
122 W MADISON STREET  
OTTAWA, IL 61350

SR EXEC VICE PRES/CFO

## Signatures

KURT R.  
STEVENSON

01/24/2008

\_\_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 HELD JOINTLY WITH SPOUSE, EXCEPT FOR 900 SHARES HELD INDIVIDUALLY.

(2) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 1,500 SHARES PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 11/13/07.

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