HEJNA MICHAEL J Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HEJNA MICHAEL J

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

122 W MADISON STREET

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

OTTAWA, IL 61350

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP [TRUE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 3. 4. Securities Securities

Execution Date, if Code (Instr. 8) (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

(D) or Indirect Beneficial

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(I)

(Instr. 4)

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (specify

7. Nature of

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

Indirect

Issuer

below)

Person

Beneficially

Owned

Following

Reported

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

X_ Director

Applicable Line)

Officer (give title

Estimated average

burden hours per

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5)	(D))			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
PHANTOM STOCK	<u>(1)</u>	03/04/2009		A		169.6833		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	COMMON STOCK	169.
PHANTOM STOCK	<u>(1)</u>	03/05/2009		A		256.4103		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	COMMON STOCK	256.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HEJNA MICHAEL J 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350	X							

Signatures

MICHAEL J.

Reporting Person

HEJNA 03/06/2009

**Signature of 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) THE SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK BECOME PAYABLE, IN CASH OR COMMON STOCK, AT THE ELECTION OF THE REPORTING PERSON, UPON THE REPORTING PERSON'S TERMINATION OF SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR.
- (2) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 31,078 SHARES JOINTLY WITH SPOUSE AND 28,000 STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S STOCK OPTION PLAN.

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