

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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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  
 [TRUE]

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	07/26/2007		P	100 A \$ 19.96	4,200	I	IRA
COMMON STOCK	07/26/2007		P	900 A \$ 19.99	5,100	I	IRA
COMMON STOCK					1,079	D	
COMMON STOCK					4,220	I	AS TRUSTEE
COMMON STOCK					1,500	I	BY INVESTMENT CLUB

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COMMON STOCK 100 I BY SPOUSE

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	\$ 13.875					11/13/2006 02/16/2008	COMMON STOCK	2,000	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 11.25					11/13/2006 02/11/2009	COMMON STOCK	2,000	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 11.75					11/13/2006 02/15/2011	COMMON STOCK	3,750	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 15.09					11/13/2006 12/19/2012	COMMON STOCK	2,500	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 23.29					11/13/2006 12/18/2013	COMMON STOCK	2,500	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 21.75					11/13/2006 12/17/2014	COMMON STOCK	2,500	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 21.15					11/13/2006 12/15/2015	COMMON STOCK	2,500	

DIRECTOR					
STOCK	\$ 19.27	04/24/2008	04/24/2017	COMMON	5,000
OPTION				STOCK	<u>(1)</u>

## 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	07/27/2007
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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## 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) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 1,000 SHARES PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 04/24/2008.

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