

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â SOLON EVERETT J</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>122 W. MADISON STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>OTTAWA,Â ILÂ 61350</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/23/2015</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP [CFCB]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>MARKET PRESIDENT</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| COMMON STOCK                       | 1,175.88   | I   | BY 401K PLAN   |
| COMMON STOCK                       | 5,204  | D   | Â  |
| COMMON STOCK                       | 2,166  | I   | BY IRA   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
|---|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
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|                       | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4)<br>Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION | Â (1)            | Â (1)           | COMMON STOCK        | 166                        | \$ (1)                       | D  | Â          |
| PHANTOM STOCK         | Â (2)            | Â (2)           | COMMON STOCK        | 189.0681                   | \$ (2)                       | D  | Â          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| SOLON EVERETT J<br>122 W. MADISON STREET<br>OTTAWA, IL 61350 | Â             | Â         | Â MARKET PRESIDENT | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/Everett J.  
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10/29/2015

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED TO THE REPORTING PERSON UNDER THE ISSUER'S STOCK OPTION PLAN.
  - (2) 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.

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