

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 \*  
 DAVIS DONALD M

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)  
 03/01/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 MARKET PRESIDENT

OTTAWA, IL 61350  
 (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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | 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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|
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| (Instr. 3)       | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Am<br>Nu<br>Sha |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| PHANTOM<br>STOCK | <u>(1)</u>                         | 03/01/2009       | A          | 5,319.1489  |      |   |     |     | <u>(1)</u>          | <u>(1)</u>         | COMMON<br>STOCK | 5,              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| DAVIS DONALD M<br>122 W MADISON STREET<br>OTTAWA, IL 61350 |               |           | MARKET PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

DONALD M.  
DAVIS

03/02/2009

     \*\*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) 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.
- (2) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 5,000 SHARES, 2,092 SHARES IN A 401K PLAN AND 60,000 STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S STOCK OPTION PLAN.

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