#### CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP

Form 4

March 13, 2009

## FORM 4

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

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 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

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

MCDONNELL DENNIS J

(First) (Middle)

122 W MADISON STREET

(Ctata)

(7:-

(Street)

**OTTAWA, IL 61350** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP [TRUE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Table	I - Non-De	rivative S	Securi	ties Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or		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)		
COMMON STOCK	03/11/2009		Code V P	Amount 897	(D)	Price \$ 3.4888	444,617	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/11/2009		P	1,000	A	\$ 3.4571	445,617	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/11/2009		P	1,000	A	\$ 3.4599	446,617	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/11/2009		P	103	A	\$ 4.0073	446,720	D	
COMMON STOCK	03/11/2009		P	1,000	A	\$ 3.4369	447,720 (1)	D	

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	٩
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ties	(Instr. 5)	]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
					(A) or						J
					Disposed						7
					of (D)						(
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
									or		
						•	Expiration Cisable Date	Title Number			
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
MCDONNELL DENNIS J 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350	X	X					

# **Signatures**

DENNIS J. MCDONNEI

MCDONNELL 03/13/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 142,100 IN TRUST AND 17,500 STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S STOCK OPTION PLAN.

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