

DAIBER THOMAS A  
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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 \*  
DAIBER THOMAS 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)  
122 W MADISON STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/07/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
PRESIDENT & CEO

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  
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**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 44,734 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,118   | I  | 401K PLAN   |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,440   | I  | SPOUSE 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 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 22.92   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2006 10/19/2014                                    | COMMON STOCK 1  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 21.88   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2006 10/08/2013                                    | COMMON STOCK 2  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 22.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2006 12/29/2012                                    | COMMON STOCK 1  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 19.58   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/13/2007 07/07/2013                                    | COMMON STOCK 1  |
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 17.63   | 02/07/2008                           |  | A                              | 20,000  | 02/07/2009 02/07/2015                                    | COMMON STOCK 2  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| DAIBER THOMAS A<br>122 W MADISON STREET<br>OTTAWA, IL 61350 | X             |           | PRESIDENT & CEO |       |

## Signatures

THOMAS A.  
DAIBER 02/08/2008

\*\*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) ALL SHARES ARE HELD INDIVIDUALLY EXCEPT FOR 16,968 SHARES HELD IN A JOINT ACCOUNT WITH SPOUSE.

(2) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 2,500 SHARES PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 11/13/07.

(3) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 5,000 SHARES PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 02/07/09.

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