

SOLON EVERETT J  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
 SOLON EVERETT J

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)  
 02/15/2008

\_\_\_\_ 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)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
COMMON STOCK	02/15/2008		M		3,000	A	\$ 18.5
COMMON STOCK							18,735 <sup>(1)</sup>
					26,612	I	401K PLAN

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)	Am or Num of Sha
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 16.0625					11/18/2002 11/18/2009	COMMON STOCK	1
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 18.5	02/15/2008		M	3,000	02/16/2003 02/16/2008	COMMON STOCK	3,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 15					02/11/2004 02/11/2009	COMMON STOCK	3,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 11.75					02/15/2006 02/15/2011	COMMON STOCK	3,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 14.25					11/13/2006 02/20/2012	COMMON STOCK	4,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 15.09					11/13/2006 12/19/2012	COMMON STOCK	2,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 20.3					11/13/2006 06/16/2015	COMMON STOCK	5,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 19.03					01/31/2008 01/31/2014	COMMON STOCK	5,
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 17.63					02/07/2009 02/07/2015	COMMON STOCK	5,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOLON EVERETT J 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350			MARKET PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

EVERETT J.  
SOLON 02/15/2008

\_\_Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

## 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 HELD JOINTLY WITH SPOUSE EXCEPT FOR 9,040 SHARES HELD INDIVIDUALLY.
- (2) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 1,000 SHARES PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS.

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