

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
 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 \*  
 STEVENSON KURT R

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)  
 01/22/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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OTTAWA, IL 61350  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	01/22/2008		M	100 A \$ 16.0625	825	D	
COMMON STOCK	01/22/2008		M	500 A \$ 18.5	1,325 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
COMMON STOCK					6,770	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 15					02/11/2004	02/11/2009	COMMON STOCK	500
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 11.75					02/15/2006	02/15/2011	COMMON STOCK	2,93
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 14.25					11/13/2006	02/20/2012	COMMON STOCK	2,93
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 15.09					11/13/2006	12/19/2012	COMMON STOCK	2,39
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 20.3					11/13/2006	06/16/2015	COMMON STOCK	5,00
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 19.6					11/13/2007	07/07/2013	COMMON STOCK	7,50 (2)
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 16.0625	01/22/2008		M	100	11/18/2002	11/18/2009	COMMON STOCK	100
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 18.5	01/22/2008		M	500	02/16/2003	02/16/2008	COMMON STOCK	500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEVENSON KURT R  
122 W MADISON STREET  
OTTAWA, IL 61350

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## Signatures

KURT R.  
STEVENSON 01/24/2008

\_\_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 HELD JOINTLY WITH SPOUSE, EXCEPT FOR 900 SHARES HELD INDIVIDUALLY.
  - (2) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 1,500 SHARES PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 11/13/07.

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