

LINDSTROM JAMES M
Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
LINDSTROM JAMES 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)
310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/29/2005

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Financial Officer

KANKAKEE, IL 60901

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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 10,500 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 1,445.41 ⁽¹⁾ | I | 401(k) 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 23.19 | | | | | 07/08/2004 ⁽²⁾ | 07/07/2013 | Common Stock | 15,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 27.5 | | | | | 10/19/2005 ⁽³⁾ | 10/19/2014 | Common Stock | 13,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 27 | 12/29/2005 | | A | 12,000 | ⁽⁴⁾ | 12/29/2012 | Common Stock | 12,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LINDSTROM JAMES M 310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE KANKAKEE, IL 60901 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

James M. Lindstrom
12/30/2005
Date

**Signature of 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)

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All shares were accumulated through automatic paycheck deductions to 401(k) plan. Number of shares is based on plan statements as of 12/29/2005.

- (2) This option will vest in equal installments of 3,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 07/08/2004.
- (3) This option will vest in equal installments of 2,700 shares per year over 5 years beginning 10/19/2005.
- (4) This option will vest in equal installments of 2,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 12/29/06

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