

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SHINKLE JOHN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
 [TRUED]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

122 W MADISON STREET

11/17/2006

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OTTAWA, IL 61350

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2006		P	(A) Amount \$ 18.9053	7,061	I	IRA
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2006		P	(A) Amount \$ 18.77	8,061 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	IRA
COMMON STOCK					1,079	D	

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
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 13.875					11/13/2006	02/16/2008	COMMON STOCK	2,000
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.25					11/13/2006	02/11/2009	COMMON STOCK	2,000
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 11.75					11/13/2006	02/15/2011	COMMON STOCK	3,750
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 15.09					11/13/2006	12/19/2012	COMMON STOCK	2,500
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 23.29					11/13/2006	12/18/2013	COMMON STOCK	2,500
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO	\$ 21.75					11/13/2006	12/17/2014	COMMON STOCK	2,500

BUY)						
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 21.15		11/13/2006	12/15/2015	COMMON STOCK	2,500
(RIGHT TO BUY)						
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION	\$ 14.25		11/13/2006	02/20/2012	COMMON STOCK	3,750
(RIGHT TO BUY)						

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHINKLE JOHN A 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350	X			

## Signatures

JOHN A.  
SHINKLE

11/21/2006

\*\*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) INCLUDES 4,061 SHARES IN TRUST, 1,500 SHARES IN AN INVESTMENT CLUB, 100 SHARES BY SPOUSE AND 300 SHARES BY CHILDREN.

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