

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 \*  
**JONES KENNETH 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)  
**11/05/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

**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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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                    | 11/05/2007                           |  | P                              |   | 300   | A  | \$ 19.9   |
| COMMON STOCK                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,272 <sup>(1)</sup>  | 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 | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION                      | \$ 19.03   |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)      |   | Date Exercisable: 01/31/2008<br>Expiration Date: 01/31/2014 | COMMON STOCK  | 1,000<br>(2)               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| JONES KENNETH A<br>122 W MADISON STREET<br>OTTAWA, IL 61350 |               |           | EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT |       |

## Signatures

KENNETH A.  
JONES  
11/06/2007

\*\*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) SHARES ACCUMULATED THROUGH AUTOMATIC PAYCHECK DEDUCTION TO 401(K) PLAN.
- (2) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OF 200 SHARES PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 01/31/08.
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