

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 MCDONNELL DENNIS J

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)
 122 W MADISON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/17/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2006		P	(A) Amount 1,200 (D) Price \$ 18.7346	30,900	I	IRA
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2006		P	(A) Amount 700 (D) Price \$ 18.76	31,600	I	IRA
COMMON STOCK	11/17/2006		P	(A) Amount 1,500 (D) Price \$ 18.8777	33,100	I	IRA
COMMON STOCK					395,288 ⁽¹⁾	D	
COMMON STOCK					142,100	I	IN TRUST

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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)	\$ 11.75					11/13/2006 02/15/2011	COMMON STOCK	3,750	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 14.25					11/13/2006 02/20/2012	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					11/13/2009 12/18/2013	COMMON STOCK	2,500	
DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 21.75					11/13/2006 12/17/2014	COMMON STOCK	2,500	

DIRECTOR
 STOCK
 OPTION \$ 21.15 11/13/2006 12/15/2015 COMMON STOCK 2,500
 (RIGHT TO
 BUY)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCDONNELL DENNIS J 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350	X	X	CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD	

Signatures

DENNIS J.
 MCDONNELL 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) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 1,281 SHARES OF CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK.

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