

LINDSTROM JAMES M

Form 4

December 30, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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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

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

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

Chief Financial Officer

(Street)

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

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

KANKAKEE, IL 60901

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)   | 10,500   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       |   |   |                                      | (A)<br>or<br>(D)   | 1,445.41 <sup>(1)</sup>  | I  | 401(k)<br>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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 23.19   |                                      |  |                                |   | 07/08/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/07/2013                     | Common Stock  | 15,0                       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 27.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/19/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/19/2014                     | Common Stock  | 13,5                       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 27  | 12/29/2005                           |  | A                              | 12,000  | <sup>(4)</sup> 12/29/2012                                | Common Stock  | 12,0                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships                    |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| LINDSTROM JAMES M<br>310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE<br>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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