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(Print or Type	Responses)								
1. Name and Ganim Rar	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			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2009			X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)			
OTTAWA	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					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-J	Derivative	Securities A	Acquired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deema Execution any (Month/Da	ed Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	ies (A) or of (D)	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
Reminder: Re	port on a separate line	e for each cla	ass of sec	urities bene	Perso inform requir	ns who res nation con red to resp iys a curre	or indirectly. spond to the colle tained in this forn ond unless the fo ntly valid OMB co	n are not rm	SEC 1474 (9-02)

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable and	7. Title and Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	orDerivative	Expiration Date	Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4, an 5)	D)				
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numł Share
PHANTOM STOCK	<u>(1)</u>	01/12/2009		А	120.9677		(1)	(1)	COMMON STOCK	120.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships								
		Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
Ganim Randall E 122 W MADISON STRE OTTAWA, IL 61350	ET	Х								
Signatures										
RANDALL E.										
GANIM	01/	/13/2009								
**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) THE SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK BECOME PAYABLE, IN CASH OR COMMON STOCK, AT THE ELECTION OF THE REPORTING PERSON, UPON THE REPORTING PERSON'S TERMINATION OF SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR.
- (2) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 39,077 SHARES JOINTLY WITH SPOUSE AND 16,000 STOCK OPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE ISSUER'S STOCK OPTION PLAN.

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