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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Ganim Randall E

Symbol

(Check all applicable)

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP [TRUE]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

01/19/2009

122 W MADISON STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Instr. 4)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

below)

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(A) or

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

5. Number of TransactionDerivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amou Exercisable Date Numl Share **PHANTOM COMMON** (1) (1) (1) 01/19/2009 144.2308 144.

STOCK

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or

Reporting Owners

Price of

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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122 W MADISON STREET X

OTTAWA, IL 61350

Signatures

RANDALL E.

(Instr. 3)

STOCK

GANIM 01/21/2009

**Signature of Reporting Date 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) 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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