

DAIBER THOMAS A
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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 *
DAIBER THOMAS 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)
01/09/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT/CEO

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			(A) or (D)	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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 9.64	01/09/2009	A	20,000			01/09/2010	01/09/2016	COMMON STOCK	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAIBER THOMAS A 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350			PRESIDENT/CEO	

Signatures

THOMAS A.
DAIBER

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) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 01/09/2010.
- (2) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 44,734 SHARES, 5,095 IN 401K PLAN, 1,440 IN SPOUSE IRA AND 2,617 SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK.

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