

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 GRIFFITH MICHAEL 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)  
 303 FOUNTAINS PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/28/2006

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

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL 62208  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Code V Amount Price                           | 22,000 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |                                   |

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)**

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| 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 18.58   |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/10/2002 12/10/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 19  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/24/2003 04/23/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 20.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/27/2003 05/26/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 20,000                        |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 26.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/23/2004 04/23/2014                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 27.1  |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/22/2005 04/22/2012                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |
| Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 25.05   | 04/28/2006                           |  | A                              | 5,000   | 04/28/2006 04/28/2013                                    | Common Stock  | 5,000                         |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRIFFITH MICHAEL A  
303 FOUNTAINS PARKWAY X  
FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL 62208

## Signatures

Michael A.                                05/01/2006  
Griffith

       \*\*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) All shares are held in a joint account with spouse, except for 6,000 shares held individually.

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