

FRANCIS KEITH 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 *
FRANCIS KEITH 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)
310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE
(Street)

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

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Chief Credit Officer

KANKAKEE, IL 60901

(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Price	250	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)
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				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.5							2,500		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		
						10/19/2005 ⁽¹⁾	10/19/2014	Common Stock		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27	12/29/2005		A		5,000	⁽²⁾	12/29/2012	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FRANCIS KEITH A 310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE KANKAKEE, IL 60901	Chief Credit Officer

Signatures

Keith A. Francis 12/30/2005

**Signature of Date
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) This option will vest in equal installments of 500 shares per year over 5 years beginning 10/19/2005.
- (2) This option will vest in equal installments of 1,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 12/29/06

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