

LINDSTROM JAMES M  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**LINDSTROM JAMES M**

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 Financial 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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 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) Price			
Common Stock					10,500	D	
Common Stock					1,445.41 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401(k) Plan

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 23.19					07/08/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 07/07/2013	Common Stock 15,0
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.5					10/19/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/19/2014	Common Stock 13,5
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27	12/29/2005		A	12,000	<sup>(4)</sup> 12/29/2012	Common Stock 12,0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LINDSTROM JAMES M 310 SOUTH SCHUYLER AVENUE KANKAKEE, IL 60901			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

James M. Lindstrom  
12/30/2005  
Date

\*\*Signature of 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).

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All shares were accumulated through automatic paycheck deductions to 401(k) plan. Number of shares is based on plan statements as of 12/29/2005.

- (2) This option will vest in equal installments of 3,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 07/08/2004.
- (3) This option will vest in equal installments of 2,700 shares per year over 5 years beginning 10/19/2005.
- (4) This option will vest in equal installments of 2,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 12/29/06

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