

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 \*  
 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)  
 303 FOUNTAINS PARKWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/07/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Executive Officer

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  
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)  | 37,279 <sup>(1)</sup>   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)  | 1,950.89 <sup>(2)</sup>   | I  | 401(k) Plan   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)  | 1,200   | I  | Spouse IRA  |

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 27.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/19/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/19/2014                     | Common Stock  | 15,0                       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 26.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/09/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/08/2013                     | Common Stock  | 20,0                       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 27  |                                      |  |                                |   | <sup>(5)</sup> 12/29/2012                                | Common Stock  | 12,0                       |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 23.5  | 07/07/2006                           |  | A                              | 10,417  | <sup>(6)</sup> 07/07/2013                                | Common Stock  | 10,4                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| DAIBER THOMAS A<br>303 FOUNTAINS PARKWAY<br>FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL 62208 |               |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

Thomas A.  
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07/10/2006

\_\_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 held individually, except for 14,140 shares held in a joint account with spouse.
  - (2) All shares were accumulated through automatic paycheck deductions to 401(k) plan. Number of shares is based on plan statements as of 7/7/2006.
  - (3) This option will vest in equal installments of 3,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 10/19/2005.
  - (4) This option will vest in equal installments of 4,000 shares per year over 5 years beginning 10/09/2004.
  - (5) This option will vest in equal installments of 2,400 shares per year over 5 years beginning 12/29/06
  - (6) This option will vest in equal installments of 2,083.40 shares per year over 5 years beginning the first anniversary following the consummation of the merger between Centrue Financial Corp and UnionBancorp, Inc.

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