

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP
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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 *
 SMITH MARK LESLIE

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)
 11/10/2006

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)
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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)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	11/10/2006		M	5,520	A	12,220 ⁽¹⁾	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)	\$ 19					04/24/2003 04/23/2013	Common Stock	5,000
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 04/28/2013	Common Stock	5,000
Phantom Stock	(1)	11/10/2006		M	5,520	11/10/2006 11/10/2006	Common Stock	5,520

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH MARK LESLIE 303 FOUNTAINS PARKWAY FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, IL 62208	X			

Signatures

Mark L. Smith

11/14/2006

**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) Each share of phantom stock was the economic equivalent of one share of Centrue Financial common stock. The reporting person settled his shares of phantom stock for shares of Centrue Financial common stock.

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