

FLAHAVEN STEVEN E

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction
1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FLAHAVEN STEVEN E2. 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)

122 W MADISON STREET

(Street)

OTTAWA, IL 61350

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/09/20094. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
EMPLOYEE STOCK OPTION	\$ 9.64	01/09/2009			A		10,000		01/09/2010	01/09/2016	COMMON STOCK	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FLAHAVEN STEVEN E 122 W MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

Signatures

STEVEN E.
FLAHAVEN

01/13/2009

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) THIS OPTION WILL VEST IN EQUAL INSTALLMENTS OVER 5 YEARS BEGINNING 01/09/2010.
- (2) REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 4,477 IN AN IRA, 5,959 IN A 401K PLAN AND 1,711 SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK.

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