

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP
 Form 4
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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 *
 Ferber Derek

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP
 [CFCB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 122 W. MADISON STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2016

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

OTTAWA, IL 61350
 (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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| COMMON STOCK | | | | | 636,911 | I | By FJ Capital Management LLC ⁽¹⁾ |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS | \$ 0 | 05/10/2016 | | A | 598.0861 | (2) (2) | COMMON STOCK |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ferber Derek 122 W. MADISON STREET OTTAWA, IL 61350 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/Derek J. Ferber, Director, by Daniel R. Kadolph as Power of Attorney

05/11/2016

__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) Derek J Ferber, as an affiliate of FJ Capital Management LLC ("FJCM"), may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of the Centrue Financial Corporation's (the "Company's") common stock held by FJCM, as investment manager for Financial Opportunity Fund LLC which holds shares of 125,000 of the Company and Bridge Equities III, LLC which holds 511,911 shares of the Company. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of the Company's common stock held by FJCM.

(2) Restricted stock units granted to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2015 Stock Compensation Plan. Two-thirds of the restricted stock units are scheduled to vest on May 10, 2018 and one-third are scheduled to vest on May 10, 2019.

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