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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAIBER THOMAS A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP

[TRUE]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

7700 BONHOMME AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

01/15/2010

PRESIDENT/CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial

Ownership (T) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

(Instr. 8)

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

> Code V **Expiration Title** (A) (D) Date

Exercisable Date

PHANTOM STOCK

(1) 01/15/2010

A 70.8215 (1) (1)

COMMON STOCK

Amour

Numbe Shares

70.82

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other DAIBER THOMAS A 7700 BONHOMME AVENUE X PRESIDENT/CEO ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

THOMAS A. 01/15/2010 **DAIBER**

**Signature of Date 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).
- THE SHARES OF PHANTOM STOCK BECOME PAYABLE, IN CASH OR COMMON STOCK, AT THE ELECTION OF THE (1) REPORTING PERSON, UPON THE REPORTING PERSON'S TERMINATION OF SERVICE.
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