

CENTRUE FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 24, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

January 24, 2006

Centrue Financial Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-15025

36-3846489

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

310 S. Schuyler, P.O. Box 552, Kankakee,  
Illinois

60901

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

815-937-4440

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.**

The information set forth under Item 5.02 is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On January 19, 2006, James M. Lindstrom, Centrue Financial Corporation's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, gave notice of his intention to resign from Centrue Financial, effective February 10, 2006. Following his two and a half years at Centrue Financial, Mr. Lindstrom announced that he will join an investment company that is one of Centrue Financial's significant stockholders. After the effective time of Mr. Lindstrom's resignation and until a permanent replacement is hired to serve as the Chief Financial Officer, John A. Betts, Centrue Financial's current Corporate Controller, will also serve as its interim principal financial officer.

In connection with Mr. Lindstrom's resignation, the employment agreement between Mr. Lindstrom and Centrue Financial, dated December 31, 2004 will be terminated effective as of February 10, 2006.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Centrue Financial Corporation

*January 24, 2006*

By: *Thomas A. Daiber*

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*Name: Thomas A. Daiber*  
*Title: Chief Executive Officer*