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**FBC Mortgage acquires Clermont company**

**Richard Burnett** | Sentinel Staff Writer

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FBC Mortgage LLC of Orlando has expanded its reach in Central Florida by acquiring Clermont-based Central Florida Home Mortgage, the companies said this week.

The changeover formally took place on Thursday with the Clermont firm taking on FBC's name, officials said.


Founded by Janet and Gregg Christoff, the Clermont firm closed more than \$20 million in 2005 and 2006. FBC, the larger operation, closed about \$200 million in mortgages during the same period.

Janet Christoff will be staying with FBC Mortgage as a market manager, and Josh Dougherty, a Clermont native and current FBC Mortgage employee, will be the Clermont branch manager.

FBC Mortgage is an affiliate of Florida Bank of Commerce, a startup bank based in Orlando.

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