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State closes Econo Lube N Tube and Meineke Car Care Center for not paying state sales taxes

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TOPEKA – Thursday evening, Kansas Department of Revenue civil tax enforcement and Johnson County Sherriff's officers seized the business assets of Econo Lube N Tube and Meineke Car Care Center which owed \$31,362 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner John J. Callagy. The auto repair shops at 13395 S Blackbob Road, Olathe and 7525 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park, were sealed closed. The assets will be sold at public auction to pay the taxes owed.

Warrant execution occurs when all other collection attempts, including multiple letters, telephone calls, letters of impending legal action, tax liens filed with the local district court to secure the debt, previous bank levies and on-site till taps are executed to bring the taxpayer into compliance have been exhausted.

Only after several unsuccessful attempts does the department take the action of seizing assets, which in this instance resulted in the business being closed.

The revenue department's standard practice is to continually encourage delinquent taxpayers, who are not lawfully filing or paying taxes - such as sales or withholding - to voluntarily enter into a repayment agreement.

Tax Warrants:

JJ Calco, LLC, doing business as Meineke Car Care Center Sales Tax – 16TW00048 – Johnson County – April and May 2015 and July through September 2015 – \$23,851.60

Callagy Co, LLC, doing business as Econo Lube N Tube Sales Tax – 16TW00049 – Johnson County – July, August 2015 – \$7,510.40 Sales

Total taxes owed: \$31,362