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State temporarily closes Rainbow Fireworks, Inc. for not paying \$6,009 in state sales taxes The business reopened after reaching a payment plan

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TOPEKA - Tuesday morning, Kansas Department of Revenue agents and McPherson County Sheriff's officers seized the business assets of Rainbow Fireworks, Inc., which owed \$6,009.15 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owners Stephen and Peggy K. Showalter. The business, at 76 Plum Ave., Inman, was sealed closed.

The Showalters and the department reached an acceptable payment arrangement; the assets were released and the department allowed the business to reopen.

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:

Sales: # 11ST58 – McPherson County – July 2010 through Sept. 2010 - \$6,009.15