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## State temporarily closes Kite's Bar & Grill for not paying state sales, liquor and withholding taxes

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TOPEKA – Thursday, Kansas Department of Revenue civil tax enforcement and Alcoholic Beverage Control agents with Riley County police officers temporarily seized the business assets of Kite's Bar & Grill which owed \$37,315 in state sales, liquor and withholding taxes.

The Department of Revenue reached an acceptable payment arrangement with the owner. The assets were released back to the business and they were allowed to re-open.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner William R. Wilson. The sports bar at 615 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan was sealed closed Thursday morning.

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 Tax – 14ST120 – Riley County – June through July 2014 – \$19,062.09 Liquor Tax – 14ST119 – Riley County – July 2014 – \$18,013.49 Withholding Tax – 14ST121 – Riley County – July 1-15, 2014 – \$239.52

**Total taxes owed:** \$37,315.10