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UPDATE: Frank's Seneca Auto allowed to re-open after reaching a payment arrangement with the Revenue Department

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The taxpayer and the Revenue Department were able to reach an acceptable payment arrangement Thursday. The business assets have been released and the business allowed to re-open.

The original release is below.

State closes Frank's Seneca Auto Service for not paying state sales taxes

Oct. 19, 2011

TOPEKA – Wednesday morning, Kansas Department of Revenue and Alcoholic Beverage Control officers seized the business assets of Frank's Seneca Auto Service which owed \$8,618 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner Frank Barajas. The business, at 11977 S. Seneca St., Wichita, was sealed closed and 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:

Sales tax - 10ST1189SA – Sedgwick County – Jan. 2010 to March 2010, May 2010 - \$3,007.87

Sales tax - 11ST1172SA – Sedgwick County - April 2009, July 2010, Aug. 2010, Oct. 2010, Jan. 2011, March 2011, April 2011, May 2011 - \$5,610.03

Total taxes owed: \$8,617.90