

State closes Brandi's Vintage Style Furniture and Accessories for not paying state sales and withholding taxes

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TOPEKA – Friday evening, Kansas Department of Revenue civil tax enforcement agents and Saline County Sheriff's officers seized the business assets of Sterling Enterprises LLC, doing business as Brandi's Vintage Style Furniture and Accessories which owed \$ 46,910 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owners, Vaughn Sterling. The retail business in the Central Mall of Salina at 2259 South Ninth St., Salina was 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:

Withholding Tax – 14ST134 – Saline County – Fourth Quarter 2012, Annual Reconciliation 2012, First through Fourth Quarters 2013, Annual Reconciliation 2013, First Quarter 2014 – \$16,490.00

Sales Tax – 14ST133 – Saline County – Fourth Quarter 2012, First through Fourth Quarters 2013, First Quarter 2014 – \$30,420.00

Total taxes owed: \$46,910.00