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### **State closes Ferguson's Market for not paying state sales taxes**

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TOPEKA – Monday afternoon, Kansas Department of Revenue agents and Cedar Vale Police Department officers seized the business assets of Ferguson's Market, which owed \$127,308 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner Donald Ferguson. The grocery store, at 613 Cedar St, Cedar Vale, 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 – 12ST08 – Chautauqua County – Quarter 4, 2010 through Quarter 3 2011 – \$71,390.05

Sales Tax – 12ST17 – Chautauqua County – Quarter 4 2011, Jan. 2012 – \$23,243.67

Sales Tax – 12ST18 – Chautauqua County – Quarter 4 2011, Jan. 2012, March to May 2012 – \$32,674.31

**Tax Warrant Totals: \$127,308.03**