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State closes Sophie and Me for not paying state sales taxes

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TOPEKA – Tuesday, Kansas Department of Revenue civil tax enforcement and Sedgwick County Sheriff's officers seized the business assets of Sophie and Me, which owed \$14,243 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner Kathleen C. Clark. The souvenir shop at 4600 W Kellogg Drive, Wichita, 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:

Sales – 13ST0700SA – Sedgwick County – December 2013 through February 2015 – \$11,556.51

Sales – 15ST1239SA – Sedgwick County – March through June 2015 – \$2,686.63

Total taxes owed: \$14,243.14