UPDATE: Al’s Equipment Service in Hutchinson re-opens after reaching a payment arrangement with the Revenue Department

Feb. 20, 2014

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

The original release is below.

State closes Al’s Equipment Service for not paying state sales and withholding taxes

Feb. 17, 2014

TOPEKA – Monday, Kansas Department of Revenue civil tax enforcement agents and Reno County Sheriff’s officers seized the business assets of Al’s Equipment Service, which owed $19,359 in state sales and withholding taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner Allen F. Hochstetler. The equipment services business, at 1207 East Second Ave., Hutchinson, 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 – 14ST54 – Reno County – Annual Reconciliation 2013, Quarter Two 2013 – $881.25

Tax warrant totals: $19,359