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## **State closes The Red Iguana Pet Store for not paying state sales taxes**

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TOPEKA – Tuesday morning, Kansas Department of Revenue agents and Geary County Sheriffs' officers seized the business assets of The Red Iguana Pet Store which owed \$19,775 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner Dawn Babcock. The pet store, at 603 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Junction City, 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 - 09ST108 - Geary County – Quarter 1, 2008 to Quarter 4, Jan. 2009 to Aug. 2009 - \$15,310.17

Sales Tax - 10ST54 - Geary County - Nov. 09 to Dec. 2009, Feb. 2010 to March 2010 - \$4,465.08

**Tax Warrant Totals: \$198,775.25**