

## **State closes 10 Taco Tico locations for not paying state sales taxes**

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TOPEKA – Tuesday morning, Kansas Department of Revenue and Alcoholic Beverage Control agents seized the business assets of Ajax International Group, doing business as Taco Tico, which owed \$434,939.23 in state sales taxes.

Officers seized all known bank accounts, on-site cash, business inventory and personal property assets belonging to owner Mohmood M. Karim. The business, at 505 South Broadway St., Wichita, and 10 restaurant locations were 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 – 12ST0674SA – Sedgwick County – June through Sept. 2011 – \$73,315.94

Sales Tax – 13ST0152SA – Sedgwick County – Oct. 2011 to Oct. 2012 – \$361,623.29

**Total taxes owed: \$434,939.23**

### **Locations:**

#### **Taco Tico**

929 North Broadway St., Wichita

#### **Taco Tico**

2015 South Seneca, Wichita

#### **Taco Tico**

460 North West, Wichita

#### **Taco Tico**

3257 E. Harry St., Wichita

**Taco Tico**

1303 North Tyler, Wichita

**Taco Tico**

11333 East Central Ave., Wichita

**Taco Tico**

125 North Baltimore Ave., Derby

**Taco Tico**

2506 N. Summit St. Arkansas City

**Taco Tico**

1603 West Wyatt Earp Blvd., Dodge City

**Taco Tico**

2102 N.W. Topeka Blvd., Topeka