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Mobile County Business Owner Pleads Guilty to State Sales Tax Charges

Mobile, Sept. 11, 2003—A Mobile County business owner pleaded guilty Sept. 9, 2003, in Mobile County Circuit Court before Judge Robert G. Kendall to charges of willful failure to pay state sales taxes to the Alabama Department of Revenue over a five-year period.

Pamela Howard, 48, owner of Sam's Pit Stop, located at 18845 Prine Road, Citronelle, Ala., pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of willful failure to pay state sales taxes collected from her customers during the period May 1, 1997, through April 30, 2002.

Judge Kendall ordered Howard to make full restitution by Jan. 15, 2004, of all state sales taxes, interest, and penalties owed the state totaling approximately \$45,536.00, according to court documents. Howard's conviction carried a one-year suspended jail sentence.

Commenting on the conviction, State Revenue Commissioner Dwight Carlisle commended the Mobile County District Attorney's Office in its prosecution of the case and ADOR Special Agent Robert McVay and Revenue Examiner Danny Leathers in their handling of the case.

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