## **Alabama Department of Revenue**

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## Convenience Store Owner Arrested for Sales Tax Evasion

*Montgomery*— Lloyd Brantley Woodard, 42, of 222 Gumball Road, Coffeeville, Ala., was arrested March 3, 2006, on charges of state sales tax evasion, following a recent indictment by a Choctaw County Grand Jury. Woodard has been released on a \$12,000 bond.

Woodard, owner of 84 Package & Convenience Store and 84 Club, located at 19956 Highway 84, Silas, Ala., is accused of failing to report and pay state sales taxes collected from customers, during the period beginning July 2002 through December 2004.

If convicted on all charges, Woodard faces a maximum 15-year jail sentence and fines totaling approximately \$300,000. A trial date has not been set.

State sales tax revenues are earmarked for the state's Education Trust Fund (ETF) and are one of the major funding components for the ETF.

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