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PRESS RELEASE

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From: Derek W. DeVine, Seneca County Prosecutor & David J. Claus, Assistant Seneca County Prosecutor

Re: Collection of Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

On July 1, 2011, the Seneca County Prosecutor's Office began the process of collecting delinquent real estate taxes. Working from a list provided by Seneca County Treasurer's Office, the Seneca County Prosecutor's Office mailed 154 letters to those who are delinquent in paying real estate taxes. This number is considerably less than the 217 letters that were mailed last year. "The letters went out last week and we are already getting responses", said Derek W. DeVine, Seneca County Prosecutor.

Seneca County Treasurer Damon Alt reported that the county is owed delinquent taxes totaling \$585,459.25. "The delinquency amount is lower than last year's amount of \$824,250.55", said Alt.

Assistant Prosecutor David J. Claus added: "We will make every effort to collect the delinquent taxes. Hopefully, people will take this opportunity to pay their delinquent tax obligation prior to initiating the foreclosure process which reduces the costs incurred by the county and the taxpayers." However, the expenses associated with the foreclosure process will become a reality if the tax delinquency is not paid promptly. "Our office wants to ensure each of the 154 property owners are aware of their delinquency to provide a final opportunity to pay before foreclosing", said Claus.

For any questions please contact David J. Claus at extension 131 or Derek W. DeVine at extension 150 at 419.448.4444.