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SCDCA RETURNS TO LAURENS ON JUNE 19, 2008

Columbia, SC... ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Laurens community on Thursday, June 19, 2008, to handle consumer complaints and questions. Regional SCDCA outreach coordinator Patty Guthrie will pay a visit to the general conference room at the Laurens County Public Library located at 1017 West Main Street, Laurens, SC 29360. Consumers may come with questions or complaints regarding a business between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to bring documentation with them.

Ms. Guthrie will also have additional materials on home buying and mortgages available upon request. "Mortgage rates right now are pretty reasonable, making the American dream more affordable for consumers. However, with all the mortgage fraud and foreclosures, consumers have to be extra careful to look before they leap. A home purchases is a huge financial commitment, and it is important consumers understand all the variables that could affect them down the road," said Patty Guthrie, SCDCA Outreach Coordinator.

The Department will continue to visit the Laurens community on a regular basis. Locations will be announced monthly. The Department services the entire state via telephone and online help. Specific questions and concerns from the Laurens community may be addressed to Patty Guthrie. Appointments are available upon request. Ms. Guthrie may be reached at 864.490.3267.

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