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SCDCA RETURNS TO SUMMERVILLE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Columbia, SC... ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Summerville community on Thursday, September 11, 2008, to handle consumer complaints and questions. SCDCA staff will pay a visit to Dorchester County Council Chambers located at 500 North Main Street in Summerville, SC 29306. Consumers may come with questions or complaints regarding a business between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to bring documentation with them.

Mr. Crofoot will have additional materials available on mortgages and mortgage fraud. “We all pay when mortgage fraud occurs. Directly or indirectly, it costs us. Consumers can, however, help put an end to mortgage fraud by taking a proactive approach and making good personal decisions when they buy a home. We can help in this effort by informing them of the dangers and red flags,” said Crofoot. Information will be available on what to look for in a mortgage, payment options to consider, fraudulent practices that could deceive you, and how to avoid becoming a victim.

The Department will continue to visit the Summerville 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 Summerville community may be addressed

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to the Consumer Services Division Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. by calling 803.734.4200 or toll-free at 1.800.922.1594.

This month's visit has been made possible through a collaborative effort with the Dorchester County Council and Colin Martin, County Administrator.

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