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SDCDA TO OPEN SATELLITE LOCATION IN SUMMERVILLE

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, Acting Administrator of the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs is pleased to announce the opening of a satellite location in Summerville. The location, which will serve Dorchester County, is the latest of several outreach efforts by the department around the state. In its inaugural efforts, the department will provide from its current staff, three persons to take complaints, answer questions, and provide educational material.

The Summerville location hours are 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2003 at the Dorchester County Council Chambers on 500 North Main Street in Summerville. Consumers that have problems should come and bring documentation with them regarding their particular situation.

Pinkston stated that despite budget cuts, this is part of the department's commitment to outreach -- to be visible in areas in the state where consumers are not familiar with our services and provide them with what they need most: help and information. She also said that South Carolina consumers, now, more than ever need assistance in resolving complaints on predatory lending, credit, automobile and other consumer related issues.

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

The department has piloted other satellite locations in Cherokee, Laurens, and Colleton counties.

Pinkston said she expects the department to make visits to the location monthly.

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