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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SCDCA AND SCETV FEATURES IDENTITY THEFT FORUM

Columbia, SC.....Every fifteen minutes, 200 people become victims of Identity Theft. You could become the next victim.

Has anyone taken over your name? Do you know who has access to privileged and personal information about you and your family? Do you know how to reduce unwanted intrusion into your privacy? **If you do not have the answers to these questions and want to learn how to protect yourself and your family against the fastest growing white collar crime in AMERICA, watch WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO YOUR GOOD NAME—SCETV FORUM: IDENTITY THEFT, airing statewide on your local SCETV channel, Wednesday, March 29, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.**

Forum participants will include:

Senator David Thomas, R-Greenville

Representative Herb Kirsch, D-York

Henry McMaster, State Attorney General

Brandolyn Thomas Pinkston, Administrator, State Department of Consumer Affairs

Cynthia Leibus, Deputy Director, SE Regional Office, Federal Trade Commission

David Givens, SLED

The discussion will focus on how consumers can be proactive in minimizing the damage if someone steals their identity, along with discussion of recommended legislation to protect consumers against identity theft. The forum will also feature victims of identity theft.

For more information on **IDENTITY THEFT** or other consumer protection issues contact the SCDCA, 3600 Forest Drive, Suite 300, Post Office Box 5757, Columbia, South Carolina 29250 or 803.734.4195 or 1.800.922.1594 (toll-free in SC) or visit our Website at www.sconsumer.gov.

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Established by the Consumer Protection code in 1974, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs represents the interests of South Carolina consumers. Our mission is to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, mediation, enforcement and education. For more information, visit

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