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AFTER HOURS TO DISCUSS MORTGAGES AND FRAUD

Columbia, SC.....The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will provide a free, educational seminar for consumers on Tuesday, June 19 from 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. The seminar entitled **“Everything You Need To Know About Mortgages”** will include discussion on mortgage forms for new homebuyers and mortgage fraud.

“Consumers should understand the financial impact of a mortgage. This seminar will provide them the information to make the right choices,” said staff attorney Charles Knight who will present the seminar at SCDCA located on 3600 Forest Drive in Columbia. According to the 2006 MARI report, South Carolina has seen a further decrease in the number of mortgage fraud incidents last year. South Carolina previously ranked the #1 hot spot for mortgage fraud, but now ranks #22 on the list. While Mr. Knight is happy with the improvements statewide, he believes consumers will continue to benefit from education and a better understanding of mortgages.

For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 803.734.4190, toll free in SC at 1.800.922.1594, or online 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.

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