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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### AFTER HOURS TO PROVIDE TIPS ON ID THEFT AND CREDIT REPAIR

**Columbia, SC.....** The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will host this month's "After Hours" seminar on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 5:45 p.m. on the second floor of the Department located at 3600 Forest Drive in Columbia. The seminar, "**Identity Theft & Credit Repair,**" will address common identity theft schemes and how it affects your credit report.

SCDCA Director of Consumer Service & Education Donna DeMichael will discuss fraud alerts, credit repair tips, and identity theft schemes involving technology such as "phishing" and "pretexting" and "skimming." "Consumers can take basic precautions that go a long way in protecting their identity and finances, but sometimes identity theft victimizes even the most cautious of consumers. By addressing how to prevent identity theft and what to do if you've been a victim, we hope to cover a lot of ground and address any concerns our participants might have," said DeMichael.

SCDCA "After Hours" is a monthly public information session held on the third Tuesday of each month to provide consumers with relevant education on consumer issues. For more information, contact the SCDCA Public Information Division at 803.734.4190, toll-free at 1.800.922.1594 or online at [www.sconsumer.gov](http://www.sconsumer.gov).

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