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CONSUMER AFFAIRS SPONSORS SPARTANBURG SHRED DAY AND PIEDMONT INTERSTATE FAIR

Columbia, SC.....In an effort to help consumers in the Upstate protect against identity theft, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs is sponsoring a **Shred Day** on Thursday, October 4, 2007. SCDCA has partnered with industrial vendor Shred 360 to service the Upstate. Consumers are invited to bring their personal and financial documents to be shredded for free.

The event will be held in the Westgate Mall parking lot located at 205 West Blackstock Road, Spartanburg, SC, 29301. Shredding will be available from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. The Department will also provide materials and tips on preventing identity theft and what to do if you are a victim. The event is part of the Department's efforts to more effectively reach consumers in the Upstate. Last week, the Department opened its Spartanburg satellite office at the Spartanburg County Library. The Department will make monthly visits to the Spartanburg County Library to handle consumer questions and complaints.

Shred 360 is also expanding its service area to better meet the needs of individuals and businesses in the Upstate. The company recently acquired a second mobile unit, which it will dedicate to serve the Greenville/Spartanburg area. For more information, visit www.shred360.com

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Consumers who are unable to participate on Thursday may also meet with Department representatives at the Piedmont Interstate Fair October 8-14. Consumers are encouraged to stop by SCDCA's booth and receive free information and promotional materials. "With over 60 years of history, the Piedmont Interstate Fair attracts a large crowd from across the state. We're excited about the opportunity to reach these visitors with information they need to be better marketplace consumers." said Patty Guthrie, SCDCA Outreach Coordinator. The event is located at 575 Fairgrounds Road in Spartanburg, SC, 29305. For more details on the Piedmont Interstate Fair, visit www.piedmontinterstatefair.com.

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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