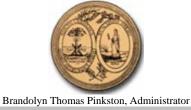


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## SCDCA RETURNS TO GREENWOOD ON JUNE 26, 2008

**Columbia, SC...** ... The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Greenwood community on Thursday, June 26, 2008, to handle consumer complaints and questions. Regional SCDCA outreach coordinator Hugh Crofoot will pay a visit to the Greenwood Park Plaza, Room 104 in Greenwood, SC 29646. Consumers may come with questions or complaints regarding a business between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to bring documentation with them.

Mr. Crofoot will also have additional materials on home buying and mortgages available upon request. "Mortgage rates right now are pretty reasonable, making the American dream more affordable for consumers. However, with all the mortgage fraud and foreclosures, consumers have to be extra careful to look before they leap. A home purchases is a huge financial commitment, and it is important consumers understand all the variables that could affect them down the road," said Hugh Crofoot, SCDCA Outreach Coordinator.

The Department will continue to visit the Greenwood community on a regular basis. Locations will be announced monthly. The Department services the entire state via telephone and online help. Specific questions and concerns from the Greenwood community may be addressed to Hugh Crofoot. Appointments are available upon request. Mr. Crofoot may be reached at 803.543.8044

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