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SCDCA RETURNS TO FLORENCE ON FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Columbia, SC... ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Florence community on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, to handle consumer complaints and questions. Regional SCDCA outreach coordinator Hugh Crofoot will pay a visit to the general conference room at the Florence County Library located at 509 S. Dargan Street in Florence. Consumers may come with questions or complaints regarding a business between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Individuals should bring copies of documentation with them.

Mr. Crofoot will have additional tips and materials available on work-at-home schemes. Difficult times in the economy are causing many consumers to look for new or additional income. Sadly, scammers are taking advantage of this by offering a number of work-at-home opportunities in the mail and online. Many of these offers, however, end badly. Consumers pay an upfront fee for products or set-up fees but never receive a paycheck in return.

The Department will continue to visit the Florence 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 Florence 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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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 www.sconsumer.gov.

This month's visit has been made possible through a collaborative effort with the Florence County Public Library, Executive Director Ray McBride, and Information Services Manager Aubrey Carroll.

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