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SCDCA Gears Up for National Consumer Protection Week

Columbia, SC... The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is celebrating National Consumer Protection Week, March 3 – March 7, 2014. **FREE** shredding and several presentations are among the events slated to encourage consumer awareness:

PRESENTATIONS on IDENTITY THEFT and SCAMS

Consumers who are concerned about the threat of identity theft are encouraged to attend these presentations. Learn about preventing identity theft, security freezes and fraud alerts and the latest scams. Consumers can also take advantage of the opportunity to speak with members of SCDCA's new Identity Theft Unit.

Monday, March 3rd	When: 11:30am-1:00pm
	Where: Fort Jackson Main Post Chapel Activity Room
	RSVP: To register, consumers should at call 751-5256.

Consumers who would like to attend should bring a picture ID, proof of insurance and registration to gain access to Fort Jackson, as vehicles entering Fort Jackson may be subject to random inspection.

Tuesday, March 4 th	When: 12:00pm-12:30pm & 12:45pm-1:15pm (two separate	
	presentation times)	
	Where: Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr.,	
	North Charleston, SC	
	RSVP: To register, consumers should call 803-734-1378 or e-mail	
	kdennis@scconsumer.gov	
Wednesday, March 5 th	When: 12:00pm-1:00pm	
	Where: Bar Conference Center Auditorium, 1501 Park St.,	
	Columbia, SC (consumers should feel free to bring their lunch).	
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FREE SHREDDING

SCDCA is partnering with Shred360 to offer two, FREE shred days. We ask that consumers limit their materials to \underline{FIVE} boxes or less. It is also important to be patient, as these events are very popular:

Tuesday, March 4 th	When: 11:00am-2:00pm
	Where: Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Dr.,
	North Charleston, SC
Wednesday, March 5 th	When: 11:00am-2:00pm
	Where: Home Depot, 285 Forum Dr., Columbia, SC

SCDCA will be releasing various new consumer publications throughout the week. These publications can be found at <u>www.consumer.sc.gov</u>. Consumers can also visit <u>www.ncpw.gov</u> to read, view, download and order multiple copies of educational materials provided by nearly 30 organizations.

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SCDCA aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit *www.consumer.sc.gov* or call toll-free, 1.800.922.1594.

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