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New Report: 162 Security Breaches Affect More Than 7.6 Million Consumers

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is releasing its most recent Security Breach Report, outlining data from breaches that occurred from January 2011- December 2015. During this time period, SCDCA received 162 security breach notices affecting 7,627,735 South Carolina consumers.

While the full report contains detailed information about the types of reported breaches and number of consumers affected, a few notable highlights include:

- A total of 39 breaches were reported by the retail and food service industry, representing the most breaches reported by any sector.
- While the government sector reported the least number of breaches, it accounts for the most individual people affected, with 6,006,531 South Carolina consumers breached.
- The healthcare sector reported the most individual people affected by breaches in years 2011, 2014 and 2015.

To view the report in its entirety, visit our website and click “*News Releases and Publications*,” then click “*Agency Reports*.” For tips on defending against identity theft or assistance in mitigating an identity theft event, contact SCDCA’s Identity Theft Unit at 800-922-1594 or visit SCDCA’s website and click on “*IDENTITY THEFT RESOURCES*.”

About SCDCA

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs 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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