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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### SCDCA RETURNS TO SPARTANBURG ON JANUARY 27, 2009

**Columbia, SC...** ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Spartanburg community on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, to handle consumer complaints and questions. Regional SCDCA outreach coordinator Patty Guthrie will pay a visit to the Irwin Conference Room at the Spartanburg County Public Library located at 151 Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306. 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.

Outreach Coordinator Patty Guthrie will have additional tips and materials available on tax refunds and rapid anticipation loans. With the New Year, many consumers are looking to get their tax refund as early as possible. Others are looking for assistance in filing their taxes. Some may also be looking for “tax breaks” or ways to maximize their refund or minimize the difference owed. In any event, consumers should be aware of the number of tax scams out there, including quick loans that end up costing you more in the end.

The Department will continue to visit the Spartanburg 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 Spartanburg community may be addressed to Patty Guthrie. Appointments are available upon request. Ms. Guthrie may be reached at 864.490.3267.

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This month's visit has been made possible through a collaborative effort with the Spartanburg County Library and Kay Hammond in Administrative Services.

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