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SCDCA RETURNS TO PACOLET ON JANUARY 7, 2009

Columbia, SC... ...The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) will visit the Pacolet community on Wednesday, January 7, 2008, to handle consumer complaints and questions. Regional SCDCA outreach coordinator Patty Guthrie will pay a visit to the Pacolet branch of the Spartanburg County Public Library. Consumers may come with questions or complaints regarding a business between 1:00 pm and 3:00 p.m. Individuals are encouraged to bring documentation with them.

Ms. 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 Pacolet 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 Pacolet 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 Pacolet Library and librarian Chris Rogers.

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