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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## State Finance Department, AARP Co-Sponsor Coeur d'Alene "Senior Scam Jam"

**Boise, ID**—Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, announces that the Department of Finance will be a co-sponsor with AARP of the upcoming Coeur d'Alene Senior Scam Jam. The free conference will address new financial scams and provide tips on how to avoid being a victim of fraud. Participants will learn how to recognize and avoid exploitation that can jeopardize their financial future.

Director Gee will be a keynote speaker at the conference. Other Department staff members will present information during breakout sessions concerning identity theft and investment fraud. The Department will also have a booth at the conference where attendees can receive free educational information on financial fraud.

In addition to the Department's participation, sponsors and presenters include AARP, Area Agency on Aging, Better Business Bureau (Serving Eastern Washington, North Idaho & Montana), CareNet, Idaho Department of Insurance/SHIBA, Idaho Financial Literacy Coalition, Office of Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, Panhandle State Bank, Post Falls Police Department and the Recall Corporation.

A special feature of this conference is "Fight Fraud ... Shred Instead". Participants are encouraged to bring cancelled checks, credit card solicitations, bank statements and other documents that contain personal and financial information. The Recall Corporation will have a large shredding truck on site and shredding will be provided free of charge during the conference.

The conference will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the North Idaho College Edminster Building. The conference includes complimentary lunch and refreshments. Those interested can register by calling the Area Agency on Aging at 208-770-2101. The registration deadline is May 21, 2007.

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