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**VIRTUAL SCAM JAM CONTINUES WITH SECOND SERIES**

**Boise, Idaho...** The Idaho Department of Finance, in conjunction with the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance is excited to announce its second virtual fraud and identity theft webinar series July 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30am MDT via the Zoom platform. This two-day series is an educational and interactive forum where attendees will learn how to recognize and avoid increasingly complex scams trending in Idaho, and nationwide.

Topics related to scam recognition and prevention will be discussed by experts from the Boise Police Department, Idaho Legal Aid, the Idaho Attorney General's Office, Better Business Bureau, SHIBA, Idaho Commission on Aging, Family Caregiver Navigator Program, US Postal Inspector, AARP, and the Idaho Department of Finance.

On the first day, (July 7<sup>th</sup>) of this two-part series, the Boise Police Department will discuss the latest scams being reported in Idaho. Other presentations this day will include how to spot a scam, how to avoid financial exploitation and the legal options available for victims of it, and timeshare scams.

On the second day (July 13<sup>th</sup>) of this two-part series, Kourtnie Bellury of the Idaho Department of Finance will present "Investment Fraud in the digital age, improving investment decisions by being W.A.R.Y." Other presentations on this day will include ID theft and tax fraud, Medicare scams, and family caregiver scams.

To register and view the full agenda, visit the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance website:

<https://www.idscamjamalliance.org>. Registration is required for attendees who will receive a link needed to participate in each series. In conjunction with this webinar series, AARP will be holding fraud prevention events throughout the month of July including complimentary streaming classic fraud movies including *Good Liar*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *American Hustle*, and *The Big Short*. To view the calendar of events, visit <https://aarp.cvent.com/IDsummerscamjam21>.

Members of the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance include: the Idaho Department of Finance, AARP Idaho, Better Business Bureau, BSU Center for the Study of Aging, Idaho Attorney General's Office, Idaho Commission on Aging, Idaho Crime Prevention Association, Idaho Department of Insurance, Idaho Legal Aid Services, Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA), and Senior Medicare Patrol Program.

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