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Anchorage Fraud Summit Helps Protect Alaskan Consumers

(Anchorage, AK) – Learn how to protect your money from the people who stop fraud in its tracks at the Anchorage Fraud Summit on Monday, September 23, with free information and resources for investors and consumers. The first panel presentation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Loussac Library, Marston Theater at 3600 Denali Street; the presentation will be repeated from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. A flyer for the event can be viewed at:

<http://commerce.alaska.gov/bsc/pub/Anchorage-Fraud-Summit-Flyer.pdf>

"I hope for a great turnout," said Commissioner Bell. "The panel offers a wealth of experience fighting financial scams, and people will leave with some very practical tips."

Panelists include U.S. Attorney for Alaska, Karen Loeffler; U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Attorney, Jeremy Pendrey; as well as other federal and state officials to discuss trends, recent Alaska cases addressing financial and consumer fraud, and ways for Alaskans to protect their financial assets. Co-sponsored with AARP, this event includes opportunities to hear from and ask questions of representatives from the Alaska Division of Banking and Securities; FBI; Alaska Department of Law Consumer Protection Unit, Office of Elder Fraud and Assistance, and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to check out their mortgage broker or financial advisor online as well as talk with representatives from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Medicare Information Office, Alaska Division of Insurance, Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, Anchorage Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, UAA Justice for Fraud Victims Project, and the Better Business Bureau. Exhibitors are available from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Marston Theater lobby with information and staff available to answer questions.

Alaska's Division of Banking and Securities is located within the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), and regulates the financial industry in Alaska. For more information, visit www.commerce.alaska.gov/bsc/home.htm or call 1-888-925-2521 or 907-269-8140.

Additional agencies within DCCED with a consumer protection responsibility include the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, the Division of Insurance, and the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. For additional information about DCCED, please visit www.commerce.alaska.gov.

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