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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **State Finance Department Co-Sponsors Magic Valley “Senior Scam Jam”** *Department Joins Forces with AARP in Sponsoring a Conference on Avoiding Financial Fraud*

**Boise, ID**—Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, announces that the Department of Finance will be a co-sponsor of the upcoming Magic Valley Senior Scam Jam.

The Department and AARP have joined together to offer Magic Valley’s first free Senior Scam Jam on Saturday, November 18, 2006. The conference will address new financial scams and 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, experts from AARP, the Better Business Bureau, College of Southern Idaho, Idaho Attorney General’s Office, Idaho Department of Insurance, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA), and the Twin Falls Police Department will be present to provide information and tips.

The conference will be held on November 18, 2006 from 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Building and includes complimentary lunch and refreshments. Those interested can register by calling the CSI Office on Aging at 208-736-2122 or 1-800-574-8656. The registration deadline is November 14, 2006.

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