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Idaho Events Announced to Increase Awareness of Fraud and Senior Financial Exploitation

Boise, Idaho... The Idaho Department of Finance (IDOF) is pleased to announce its **Fraud and Senior Financial Exploitation and Prevention Roadshow**, to provide education to Idaho's seniors, and adult family members and caregivers who provide support to seniors and vulnerable adults. Local opportunities will provide information on best practices to protect against financial crimes targeting seniors and vulnerable adults through a series of free expert led presentations open to the public. Along with the IDOF, community partners including **AARP Idaho** and the **Idaho Commission on Aging – Adult Protective Services** will share information and resources to help Idahoans prevent, identify, and report financial crimes and abuse, and provide updates to state level efforts underway to combat this activity. A meet and greet will follow each presentation. **Light refreshments, gifts, and door-raffle prizes will be available.** Registration is strongly encouraged and can be completed online at https://fraudpreventionroadshow.eventbrite.com.

"Ensuring Idahoans have the information, tools, and resources to protect themselves and their loved ones from becoming victims of fraud and senior financial exploitation is very important to the IDOF and to me personally. We are excited to interact with Idahoans around the state to equip them with the knowledge and skills to defend themselves against these activities," said **Patricia Perkins**, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance.

"Educating and engaging Idaho's senior population, caregivers, and family members on the fraud and financial exploitation threats they face is vital to protecting their financial safety and well-being. The IDOF Securities Bureau and our partners are looking forward to providing critical information at the Roadshow events that will better protect our seniors, while also encouraging potential victims to report fraud and exploitation," said John Yaros, Securities Bureau Chief of the Idaho Department of Finance.

The Roadshow event schedule is as follows:

- > Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 3-5 p.m. Twin Falls, Canyon Crest Event Center
- > Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 3-5 p.m. Idaho Falls, West Bank Convention Center
- > Friday, October 6, 2023, 3-5 p.m. Coeur D'Alene, Salvation Army Kroc Center
- Monday, October 30, 2023, 3-5 p.m. Boise, Riverside Hotel
- **Friday, November 3, 2023, 3-5 p.m. Ketchum, The Community Library**

Consumers can obtain information about financial firms, professionals or products, as well as view more Department press releases and other information on the Internet at http://finance.idaho.gov or by contacting the Department at (208) 332-8000 or Idaho toll-free at 1-888-346-3378.