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**'SCAM JAM' EVENTS COMING TO HERMISTON AND PENDLETON**

PORTLAND— The Oregon Department of Justice, the Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services (DCBS) and AARP Oregon will host their 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> “Scam Jams” on Wednesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 19. The first event will be held at the Hermiston Convention Center and the second will be at the Pendleton Convention Center. Scam Jams are free events that educate Oregonians about current scams and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Consumers lose billions of dollars each year to frauds and scams, and many of those scammed are older. Scam Jam is designed to allow the audience to learn about today's scams and fraud, such as Medicare fraud, insurance and investment fraud, online and door-to-door scams, identity theft and other scams that target older consumers.

Speakers include: Ellen Klem of the Oregon Attorney General's office, Diane Childs of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, AARP Oregon Outreach Director Joyce DeMonnin and local law enforcement will be addressing consumer issues and giving tips and advice on how you can help prevent fraud in Oregon. There will also be a special video appearance by Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum in which she will be providing her remarks on the event and addressing the issue of fraud in Oregon.

The Scam Jam events are free but participants must register; go to [www.ScamJamOregon.com](http://www.ScamJamOregon.com) or call 1-877-926-8300 (toll-free).

**WHAT:** Scam Jam Hermiston

**WHEN:** May 18, 2016 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**WHERE:** Hermiston Convention Center, 415 S Hwy 395, Hermiston, OR

**WHAT:** Scam Jam Pendleton

**WHERE:** May 19, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

**WHEN:** Pendleton Convention Center—East Room, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton, OR 97801

In addition to the speakers, there will be resource tables representing Hermiston Police Department, Oregon Department of Justice, Federal Trade Commission, Good Shepherd Health, Oregon Construction Contractors Board, AARP Oregon, Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, Oregon Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations and Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance offering even more free information.

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