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AIKEN COUNTY WOMAN CHARGED WITH MAKING UNSOLICITED PHONE CALLS NIGHT BEFORE 2008 PRIMARY

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division's (SLED) Midlands Region Agents announce the arrest of an Aiken County woman accused of making unsolicited consumer phone calls to Aiken County residents, a day before the 2008 South Carolina primary.

Virginia Allen, 47, of 108 Driftwood Circle, Aiken, S.C., is charged with six counts of **Making Unsolicited Consumer Phone Calls**.

According to arrest warrants, Allen paid for an Automatically Dialed Answering Device (ADAD) or "Robo-Calls," of a political nature to Aiken County residents without properly disclosing the identity of the originating party to them on or near June 9, 2008.

Allen is accused of manipulating the caller ID to reflect the number of "REI, Incorporated," a business owned and operated by Senator Greg Ryberg.

Allen did not have verbal or written consent to use the "REI, Incorporated" phone number.

Allen is accused of paying more than \$300 by credit card to an out-of-state vendor to make such calls.

Making Unsolicited Consumer Phone Calls is a misdemeanor punishable up to thirty (30) days in jail and/or fines.

For a booking photograph of Allen, please contact the Aiken County Detention Center at (803) 642-2040.