

COUNTY OF RICHLAND
OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER



DAVID A. ADAMS
COUNTY TREASURER

P.O. BOX 11947
Columbia, SC 29211
(803) 576-2275
TDD (803) 748-4999

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, 2 March 2005

CAR TAX ENFORCEMENT SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVES

Columbia, SC - Delinquent car taxes collected in Richland County increased by 61.4% in 2004 over the prior year, and 116.4% over 2002. The additional payments collected generated \$241,000 in revenue over 2003 and \$344,000 higher than 2002.

"We instituted procedures to guarantee every taxpayer paid their fair share - nothing more and nothing less," Richland County Treasurer David Adams stated. "Our office simply used the tax records to enforce collections on bills that had previously gone unpaid."

Delinquent collections were on automobiles that had not paid taxes in one year or more. The breakdown of each year's delinquent car tax collection is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number Collected</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
2004	3363	\$734,200.90
2003	2084	\$493,203.94
2002	1554	\$390,116.55

"By enforcing lawful taxes, we believe that eventually the impact can be a lower burden on those who are doing their duty and meeting their tax obligations," concluded Adams. "We will continue to find new ways to enforce car tax collections on people who skirt the system."

###

For More Information, Contact:
David Adams, 803/576-2275