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Yukon Supreme Court issues Community Safety Order in SCAN case

WHITEHORSE—On June 27, the Supreme Court of Yukon issued a Community Safety Order under the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act in response to the illegal use, consumption or sale of liquor, in contravention of the Liquor Act occurring on a privately owned property in Porter Creek.

Under the Community Safety Order, the owner had to vacate the property, which will be closed for 90 days as of July 1. The order also prohibits the owner and all others from engaging in illegal activities and the owner must prevent the activities from continuing or recurring on the property for one year.

The Community Safety Order follows an application to the Supreme Court of Yukon by the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit of the Department of Justice in May. SCAN's investigation revealed a high volume of traffic to and from the property at all hours. SCAN members spoke with neighbours and other community members who described a long history of negative impacts on the community such as transients living on the property, concerns for personal safety and intoxicated persons in connection with the property.

"The property was at the centre of a significant amount of harm to the community spanning many years," Public Safety and Investigations director Jeff Ford said. "Despite the efforts of RCMP, the illegal activities continued. We know that the Community Safety Order will provide relief to members of the community and hopefully prevent a future recurrence of illegal activities."

The Government of Yukon is committed to responding to the concerns of citizens regarding the safety of their communities.

SCAN supports safer communities. Anyone concerned about illegal activity occurring on property in their community can call SCAN at 867-456-7226 or toll-free at 1-866 530-7226. All calls are confidential.

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