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## **SCAN unit continues to support community safety**

WHITEHORSE— The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit continues to investigate community complaints and concerns, resulting in further action against illegal activities in Yukon communities.

"Yukoners deserve to feel safe in our communities," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "SCAN gives Yukoners an effective avenue to report illegal activities in their neighbourhoods."

SCAN investigators are called upon to assess and investigate confidential public complaints regarding illegal or harmful activities that pose a threat to community safety. Complaints can be filed over the phone or online.

In 2014, 55 complaints were reported to SCAN, with detailed investigations leading to evictions or formal warnings in nine cases. SCAN continues to investigate a number of open cases.

"One member of the community was very much relieved to have our investigators involved," SCAN director Jeff Ford said. "He was fearful of attending his rental house once he became aware of the scale and recurring nature of illegal activity at his property, in this case, distribution of crack cocaine. The owner was also not aware that the tenant had a history of drug related violence."

Following the eviction of the tenant, SCAN investigators and the owner found evidence that the doors were fortified with steel bars without the owner's knowledge. Security enhancements of this nature, along with the installation of surveillance cameras, are often present at properties being used as distribution centres for illegal drugs or unlawful alcohol sales.

Individuals with concerns about drug trafficking or bootlegging at residential or commercial properties can make a complaint by calling 867-456-SCAN (7226) or toll-free at 1-866-530-7226, or by submitting an online complaint form at [www.scanyukon.ca](http://www.scanyukon.ca).

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