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SCAN unit takes action against illegal activities in Whitehorse

WHITEHORSE—The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit recently completed its fourth action in the last six months. Following an investigation by the SCAN unit, the tenants of a downtown property in Whitehorse were evicted under the *Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act*.

"The public response to the SCAN actions has been positive," Minister of Justice Mike Nixon said. "Yukoners feel safer knowing they can report illegal activity in their neighbourhoods either by phone or through the SCAN website."

The SCAN unit received several confidential complaints from community members about suspicious activities at the downtown property. The unit's investigation established a reasonable belief that illicit drugs were being sold and transferred from the property and this resulted in the SCAN action.

Three of the four SCAN unit's most recent actions have been in the downtown core of Whitehorse. The unit continues to pursue other active complaints both in Whitehorse and in the communities.

"I encourage individuals who are concerned about suspicious activities in their neighbourhoods to contact the SCAN unit," Nixon added.

SCAN works with tenants, landlords and community partners to find a solution that ends illegal behaviour. This could include verbal or written warnings, removal of tenants or a Community Safety Order.

Individuals with concerns about illegal activities 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.

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