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News Release

Chief Coroner confirms death of Yukoner in Riverdale house explosion

November 16, 2023 – Yukon Coroner's Service confirms the death of 77-year-old David William GOULD. At 5:30 am on November 14, an explosion occurred at 17 Bates Crescent in Riverdale. Longtime neighbour Mr. GOULD died as a result of the damage caused to his home. An autopsy will be conducted next week in Abbotsford, BC.

Yukon Coroner's Service, along with the Whitehorse Fire Department, the RCMP's Major Crime Unit and Forensic Identification Service, continues to investigate the circumstances of this death. We would like to thank all first responder teams, as well as the City of Whitehorse for their ongoing assistance at the scene, which can only be described as overwhelming.

We extend our deep condolences to Mr. GOULD's family and friends, as well as to the many residents of Bates Crescent and the Riverdale community who have been so severely impacted by this traumatic event.

The family has asked for privacy and Yukon Coroner's Service will not be releasing anything further at this time.