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News Release

Chief Coroner and Whitehorse Fire Department investigating fire-related fatality

January 31, 2024 – On January 28, just before midnight, the Whitehorse Fire Department and 911 services were notified of smoke alarms ringing in one of the apartments located at 1190 Front Street, a building owned by Yukon Housing Corporation.

The alarm was coming from the second floor and by the time the Fire Department arrived, the hallway was filled with smoke. The fire was sourced to one apartment where fire-suppression devices were successful in limiting the damage to a small part of the living area.

The lone occupant was found in the apartment and received significant injuries due to the fire. He was taken to Whitehorse General Hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. He was identified as 74-year-old, long-time Yukoner, Jacques Joseph ALLEN.

An autopsy will be conducted in Abbotsford, BC on February 6. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined and Yukon Coroner's Service continues to investigate along with the Whitehorse Fire Department. No further details will be released at this time.

The Yukon Coroner's Service extends our condolences to the residents of 1190 Front Street, and the family and friends of Mr. ALLEN. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Whitehorse Fire Department, Whitehorse Emergency Medical Services and Whitehorse General Hospital staff.