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REMARKS:

Yukon Coroner's Service confirms that Chief Coroner Heather Jones was notified of a fire-associated fatality near Dawson City on the evening of Thursday, September 23, 2021. Dawson City's Fire Department and RCMP were called to attend a scene at Kilometer 1 on Old Bonanza Road shortly after 6 pm. It was reported that an explosion had occurred within the house at this location soon after the two residents had arrived home from their summer camp in the mine-fields. Shortly after the first explosion, a second explosion occurred within the house and the resulting fires consumed the structure.

The cause of the explosions and fire is still under investigation by the Yukon Fire Marshal's Office with the assistance of the Dawson City Fire Department.

One of the residents, 62-year old Camelia Ann "Cam" SIGURDSON had been in the home at the time of the explosions and was found deceased at the scene. The second resident had been outside of the home when the explosions occurred and was not injured. An autopsy is scheduled for October 5 in Abbotsford, B.C. "Cam" had been a long-term resident of the Dawson City area.

Yukon Coroner's Service continues our investigation and appreciates the expert assistance from the Yukon Fire Marshal's Office, Yukon RCMP's Major Crime and Forensic Identification Units and the Dawson City detachment of the RCMP. This tragic incident is not considered to be a criminal event.

Yukon Coroner's Service extends our sincere condolences to the family and friends of "Cam" SIGURDSON and the community of Dawson City.