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SCAN obtains second Community Safety Order for problem property in Calgary

Calgary... A problem home in Calgary's Killarney neighbourhood will be subject to a second Community Safety Order (CSO) following a recent homicide that occurred at the residence last week. The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams' (ALERT) Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Unit applied to the Court for the new 90-day order on November 25. The order was granted and will take effect on December 2.

The property located at 3716 Kilkenny Road SW had been previously closed by SCAN for a period of 90 days earlier this year. Following the expiration of that CSO, the house was sold to new owners who allowed the previous owner to move back in as a tenant. SCAN continued to monitor the property and received a new public complaint about increased traffic to the property on November 1. SCAN then opened a new investigation into the property.

Following last week's homicide, the SCAN team immediately began drafting a new order with the consent and cooperation of the property owner who agreed to abide by a number of new conditions. These include terminating the tenancy agreement with the former owner, Bruce Melvin McDougald, indefinitely.

The property will not be closed while the order is in effect, however, the owner must get approval from the SCAN unit before renting out any room in the property to a tenant. The prospective tenant must complete a written application, provide references, and enter into a written tenancy agreement.

If the conditions of the CSO are not met, further legal action will be taken by SCAN, including applying to the courts to close the property again.

Throughout the investigation, SCAN members worked closely with the Calgary Police Service (CPS). This property has been a problem for police for many years.

While the police deal with criminal complaints against people, SCAN investigators use civil legislation to target problem properties around the province used for illegal purposes such as prostitution, drug use and drug trafficking, and gang activity.

"We understand that the community is very discouraged right now. They thought the problem was solved when we first closed the property and then this happens," said Mike Letourneau, acting manager of the SCAN unit. "We want people to know that we hear their concerns and are acting quickly to do what we can to clean-up the problem."

Albertans who suspect a property in their neighbourhood is being used for illegal activity should contact SCAN toll-free at 1-866-960-7226 (SCAN) or online at www.scan.alberta.ca. All complaints are confidential. Concerned citizens should never investigate on their own.

SCAN is part of ALERT, an umbrella organization established by the Government of Alberta to bring together law enforcement resources to tackle serious and organized crime. Close to 400 municipal police, RCMP and sheriffs work for ALERT.

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Note to Editors: Mike Letourneau, acting manager of the southern SCAN unit, will be available to speak to reporters at 3716 Kilkenny Road SW at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

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