

**IN THE MATTER OF the Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF the accused, John Edward Adams**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF a hearing held pursuant to Section 672.81(1) and 672.82(1) (Annual and Discretionary Hearing) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.**

**DISPOSITION ORDER**

WHEREAS on the 5th day of November 2024, the accused was found *Not Criminally Responsible on account of a mental disorder* on charges of: Murder contrary to s.235(1) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

AND WHEREAS the accused is presently detained at the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital.

AND WHEREAS a hearing was held at the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital on the 10th day of December 2024 to make a Disposition Order pursuant to s.672.54 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

AND WHEREAS the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital is designated for the custody, treatment, or assessment of the accused, in respect of whom an assessment order, disposition or placement decision is made.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** the accused be conditionally discharged, on the following terms:

1. Keep the peace and be of good behaviour;
2. Maintain good mental health;
3. Adhere to the recommendations of the Community Mental Health Team;

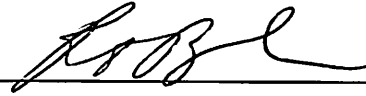
4. Comply with follow-up by the Forensic Community Program;
5. Comply with conditions recommended by the Forensic Community Program;
6. Abstain from alcohol, cannabis and/or illicit drugs and comply with random urine drug screening;
7. Reside in the premises approved by the East Coast Forensic Hospital and abide by the rules and regulations of the residence; these premises shall be at the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital or at Simpson's Landing;
8. Notify the Review Board and the East Coast Forensic Hospital of any change of address;
9. Appear before the Board when requested;
10. Remain within the Province of Nova Scotia unless authorization in writing has been received from the Board. The Board will consider specific travel requests for the purposes of visitation with the accused's parents in New Brunswick;
11. No indirect or direct contact with parents of the victim, namely Sylvia Lindsay and Patrick Lindsay;

The Board supports a request, should one be made by the accused, for a transfer to the New Brunswick Review Board.

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if the accused is arrested pursuant to section 672.91 of the Criminal Code for a breach or anticipated breach of the terms of this disposition, they may, under section 672.92(1)(b) of the Criminal Code, be delivered to the East Coast Forensic Hospital, 88 Gloria McCluskey Avenue, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

**THIS IS THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU**, the Director, Mental Health Program, Nova Scotia Health Authority, in His Majesty's name, to execute the terms of this Order. The Board delegates to them the authority to increase or decrease the liberties of the accused pursuant to section 672.56(1).

**DATED** at Halifax, this /7 day of November, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raffi Balmanoukian', is written over a horizontal line.

Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson  
NOVA SCOTIA REVIEW BOARD

TO: the accused, John Adams  
AND TO: Director, Mental Health Program, Nova Scotia Health Authority  
AND TO: Public Prosecution Service  
AND TO: Kelly Ryan, counsel for the accused