

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)/672.82(1) (Annual/Discretionary Hearing) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

INTERIM 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 4th day of November 2025 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.

1. **IT IS ORDERED** that the accused ☐ continue to be detained in the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, ☐ Gradual transfer to the Transition Program, ☒ Conditional Discharge be granted (the Conditional Discharge to be implemented within a reasonable period of time), ☐ Conditional Discharge be continued, ☐ Absolute Discharge be granted, ☐ no change to current Disposition, ☐ the Board approves the recommendations as submitted by the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital (See Schedule "A")
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2. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that ☐ the Administrator of the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital implement a program for the safe custody and rehabilitation of the accused within the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, in which the Administrator, in his discretion, subject to the mental condition and needs of the accused, may ☐ in the case of an accused who is deemed unfit, or ☒ on conditional discharge, subject to the following conditions: (See Schedule "A")
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Community Access Level:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

THIS IS THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU, the Administrator of the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital, in His Majesty's name, to execute terms of this Order.

DATED, this the 4th day of November 2025, at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.



Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson
NOVA SCOTIA CRIMINAL CODE REVIEW BOARD

TO: John Edward Adams, Accused
AND TO: Dorothy Edem, Director, Mental Health and Addictions Program, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Conditions:

- ☒ Keep the peace and be of good behaviour;
- ☒ Maintain good mental health;
- ☒ Adhere to the recommendations of the Community Mental Health Team;
- ☒ Comply with follow-up by the Forensic Community Program;
- ☒ Comply with conditions recommended by the Forensic Community Program;
- ☒ Abstain from alcohol, cannabis and / or illicit drugs and comply with random urine drug screening;
- ☒ Reside in the premises approved by the East Coast Forensic Hospital and abide the rules and regulations of the residence; *subject to attached*
- ☒ Notify the Review Board and the East Coast Forensic Hospital of any change of address;
- ☒ Appear before the board when requested;
- ☒ Remain within the Province of Nova Scotia unless authorization in writing has been received from the Board.

No indirect or direct contact with the victim(s) in this matter;

☒ Other

see attached

This Hearing is to be considered an Annual Hearing: ☒ Yes

☐ No

The Administrator of the Hospital may exercise his discretion upon such terms and conditions, as he deems appropriate. *except as noted.*


Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson
Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board

Attached to and forming part of Schedule "A", conditions of interim disposition order for John Edward Adams

- Accused shall reside at the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital or at Simpson's Landing
- No indirect or direct contact with parents of the victim, namely Sylvia Lindsay and Patrick Lindsay
- The board will consider specific travel requests for the purposes of visitation with the accused's parents in New Brunswick
- If the accused requests a transfer to the New Brunswick Review Board, the Board supports this request



Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson

Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board

