

IN THE MATTER OF the NOVA SCOTIA REVIEW BOARD

AND IN THE MATTER OF the accused, ALI AHMED

AND IN THE MATTER OF a hearing held pursuant to section 672.47 of the Criminal Code

REASONS FOR DISPOSITION

Verdict

On the 13th of June, 2016, the accused was found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder on three charges of mischief (damage to property) contrary to section 430(4) of the Criminal Code.

Current Status

The accused is presently detained in hospital.

Facts

While incarcerated in the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility the accused on three separate occasions in the months of March and April 2016 damaged the sprinkler head in his cell.

Disposition Information

In addition to the material supplied by the Crown, and a transcript of proceedings in the Provincial Court, the Board had before it the report of Dr. Neilson dated August 25th, 2016. She outlined Mr. Ahmed's history after arriving here from Somalia, and noted that he has had seven admissions to acute psychiatric units dating back to 2009. Prior to that there were several other admissions where psychosis NOS was diagnosed. He has been found ncr on two previous occasions, and had two prolonged hospitalizations here in 2004 and 2013. Upon his absolute discharge in 2014 he lived in a rooming house, had part time work as a dishwasher, maintained contact with the Bayer's Road mental health clinic and attended his mosque. His situation deteriorated after he lost his apartment, and he eventually ended up in the jail, having become progressively more irritable and agitated over a period of several months. He does claim that his mental state was stable until he was jailed and denied access to his usual medications, Olanzapine, Valproic Acid and Clonazepam for over two months. He described persecutory ideation, believing that the guards were sexually assaulting him at night. He was admitted to MIOU on April 27th. Mr. Ahmed's mental state stabilized over the next number of months on

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DISPOSITION ORDER

WHEREAS on the 13th of June, 2016, the accused was found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder on three charges of mischief (damage to property) contrary to section 430(4) of the Criminal Code;

AND WHEREAS the accused is currently detained in hospital;

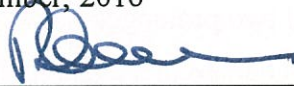
AND WHEREAS a hearing was held at the East Coast Forensic Hospital on the 6th day of September, 2016, to make an order pursuant to section 672.54 of the Criminal Code;

AND WHEREAS the East Coast Forensic 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 continue to be detained in hospital with a ceiling of privileges of L5.

THIS IS THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU, the Director, Mental Health Services, Capital District Health Authority, in Her Majesty's name, to execute the terms of this order.

Dated at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, this 3rd day of November, 2016



Peter Lederman, Q.C., Chairperson
NOVA SCOTIA REVIEW BOARD

TO: the accused, Ali Ahmed
AND TO: Director, Mental Health Services, Nova Scotia Health Authority
AND TO: Karen Quigley, Public Prosecution Service
AND TO: Kelly Ryan, counsel for Mr. Ahmed