

**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 672.47(1) (First 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 detained at the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital with a Board community access ceiling level of L5.

**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 22 day of December, 2024



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