

IN THE MATTER OF the Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board

AND IN THE MATTER OF the accused, Ryan Lamontagne

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

DISPOSITION ORDER

WHEREAS on the 10th day of February 2021, the accused was found not criminally responsible on account of mental disorder on charges of Second-degree murder, contrary to Section 235 and Interferes with Dead Human Body / Remains, contrary to Section 182(b) 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 on March 10, 2026 via Zoom at the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital

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;

AND WHEREAS the accused has recently been charged with additional offences, and has been returned to the said hospital with Court-ordered conditions;

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** the within hearing be adjourned, with no board-ordered changes to disposition at present, to be returned as soon as practicable after the accused's next scheduled Court appearance (currently May 15, 2026, erroneously noted in the interim

disposition as May 5, 2026); the hospital is encouraged to update Counsel and the Board so that these stakeholders are in the best position to obtain instruction as to whether this Board come-back date is best set for an annual hearing, case management, or otherwise.

**IT IS ALSO DECLARED** that adherence by the Hospital to Court-ordered conditions imposed on the accused does not, in itself, constitute a restriction of liberties (for example, restrictions on internet access); this does not apply to circumstances which could constitute a restriction of liberties in which there are no relevant court-ordered restrictions (for example, admissions to FACT exceeding seven days); the Board shall continue to be informed, by way of notification of ROLs or Campbell Letter, as the case may be, of any restrictions which do or could constitute ROLs not wholly in pursuance of court-ordered restrictions.

**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), subject to the Court-ordered restrictions referred to above.

**DATED** at Halifax, this 18 day of March, 2026.

  
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Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson  
NOVA SCOTIA REVIEW BOARD

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

Board: Dr. Patricia Pearce, Dr. Robert Pottle, Siobhan Doyle, Cecilia Khamete, Raffi Balmanoukian (chair)