IN THE MATTER OF the Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board

AND IN THE MATTER OF the accused, **Aidan Ponee**

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

INTERIM DISPOSITION ORDER

WHEREAS on August 25, 2022, the accused was found *Not Criminally Responsible on account of a mental disorder* on a charge of **Assault with a Weapon**, contrary to Section 267(a) of the *Criminal Code of Canada* and further on a charge of **Possession of a Weapon** contrary to Section 88(1) of the *Criminal Code of Canada* and further on a charge of **Resists / Obstructs Peace Officer** contrary to Section 129(a) 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 Hospital on the 3rd day of November 2026, 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")

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")

Community Access:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Adjourned. No counsel objects to a future Board being constituted differently from today's panel. *

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 3rd day of November 2026, at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson
NOVA SCOTIA CRIMINAL CODE REVIEW BOARD

TO: **Aidan Ponee**, Accused
AND TO: **Dorothy Edem, Director, Mental Health and Addictions Program, Nova Scotia Health Authority**

* Drs. al Awalli + Theriault are to attend any subsequent hearing.

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Schedule "A"

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;
- ☐ 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;

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- ☐ Other

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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.

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Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson
Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board