

**IN THE MATTER OF the Nova Scotia Criminal Code Review Board  
AND IN THE MATTER OF the accused, Samantha Powell  
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 14th day of May, the accused was found *Not Criminally Responsible on account of a mental disorder* of: Assault Causing Bodily Harm contrary to s. 267(B) and further on a charge of Unlawful Confinement contrary to s.279(2) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*.

AND WHEREAS the accused presently resides in the community.

AND WHEREAS a hearing was held at the East Coast Forensic Psychiatric Hospital on the 16th day of June 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.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT** the accused **be discharged absolutely**.

**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.

**DATED** at Halifax, this 17 day of June, 2026.

  
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Raffi Balmanoukian, Chairperson  
NOVA SCOTIA REVIEW BOARD

**TO: the accused, Samantha Powell**  
**AND TO: Director, Mental Health Program, Nova Scotia Health Authority**  
**AND TO: Public Prosecution Service**  
**AND TO: Alex Pink, counsel for the accused**