

**IN THE MATTER OF the NOVA SCOTIA REVIEW BOARD
AND IN THE MATTER OF the accused, WILLIAM COTTON**

AND IN THE MATTER OF a hearing held pursuant to section 672.81 (1) and (2.1) of the Criminal Code

DISPOSITION ORDER

WHEREAS on the 23rd day of August 2019, the accused was found not criminally responsible on account of a mental disorder on charges of assault on a police officer with a weapon, contrary to section 270.01(1)(a) of the Criminal Code and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, contrary to section 88(1) of the Criminal Code;

AND WHEREAS the accused is currently residing in the community on a previously granted Conditional Discharge;

AND WHEREAS a hearing was held on the 3rd day of October 2023 to make a Disposition 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 conditionally discharged, on the following terms:

1. Keep the peace and be of good behaviour;
2. Maintain good mental health;
3. Adhere to the recommendations of the Community Mental Health Team;
4. Comply with follow-up by the Forensic Community Program;
5. Comply with conditions recommended by the Forensic Community Program;

6. Abstain from alcohol, cannabis and/or illicit drugs and comply with random urine drug screening;
7. Reside in the premises approved by the East Coast Forensic Hospital and abide by the rules and regulations of the residence;
8. Notify the Review Board and the East Coast Forensic Hospital of any change of address;
9. Appear before the Board when requested; and
10. Remain within the Province of Nova Scotia unless authorization in writing has been received from the Board.

THIS IS THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU, the Director, Mental Health Program, Nova Scotia Health Authority, in Her 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).

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.

The Board also found that the hospital was justified when restricting his liberties.

DATED at Halifax, this 6th day of October 2023.



Anne Jackman, Chairperson
NOVA SCOTIA REVIEW BOARD

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