

IN THE PROVINCIAL COURT OF NOVA SCOTIA

BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

-and-

[NAME OF ACCUSED]

PRE-FOCUS HEARING CONFERENCE

Crown:

Defence:

Date(s) of Preliminary Inquiry:

This pre-hearing conference has been set pursuant to Section 536.4 of the *Criminal Code*.

Counsel should have instructions to be able to address the issues noted below.

The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to maximize efficient use of the court's docket by identifying and addressing issues in advance of the hearing and avoid adjournments that result in the loss of active court time. There may be circumstances where delays are unavoidable, however adjournment requests following the pre-hearing conference(s) will be assessed having regard to court scheduling concerns as well as other relevant considerations.

Please direct any questions concerning the pre-hearing conference to

Issued at _____, Nova Scotia, this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Court Reporter

- 1) Issues:

- 2) Witnesses:
 - 2.1) Will any expert witnesses be called to testify?
 - 2.2) On what issues will the expert evidence be tendered?
 - 2.3) Is the admissibility of the expert evidence contested?

- 3) Will both parties be ready to proceed on the preliminary inquiry dates?
 - 3.1) Have witnesses been subpoenaed?

- 4) Is the estimated time for the preliminary inquiry accurate?
 - 4.1) Are the parties involved in discussions that may more precisely define the issues or reduce the time needed?

 - 4.2) Is there any potential at this stage that such discussions might take place.

- 5) Will there be any applications made??
 - a) If so, on what issue(s)?

- 6) Is an interpreter required for any witness(es) or the accused?
- 7) Is any technical equipment required?
 - a) Videolink?
 - b) A flat screen monitor?
 - c) Individual Monitors?
 - d) Other?
- 8) How many Crown exhibits are likely? Is it intended that exhibits will be pre-marked?
- 9) Further focus hearing dates:_____