



Mark Douglas Robert Doyle, 40, of Bedford leaves Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax on Thursday after appearing on a direct indictment on a charge of being an accessory after the fact to the February 2022 murder of 16-year-old Devon Sinclair Marsman. STEVE BRUCE

Direct indictment filed against alleged accessory in teen's homicide

Bedford man makes first appearance in Supreme Court

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The Crown has filed a direct indictment against a Bedford man accused of being an accessory after the fact to the February 2022 murder of Halifax teenager Devon Sinclair Marsman.

Mark Douglas Robert Doyle, 40, was arrested this March and charged with assisting the alleged killer, his nephew Treyton Alexander Marsman, after Devon's homicide.

The Crown alleges Doyle committed the offence between Feb. 24 and March 16, 2022.

After several appearances in Halifax provincial court, most recently on July 18, Doyle had yet to fully retain lawyer Joseph Wilkinson of Toronto.

That prompted the prosecution to exercise its discretion to use a direct indictment to send the case straight to Nova Scotia Supreme Court for trial.

The indictment was filed July 23, and Doyle made his first appearance in Supreme Court in Halifax on Thursday.

Doyle told Justice Ann Smith he hopes to have the money for Wilkinson's retainer within a month.

The judge booked the case to return to court Sept. 4 to begin the process of setting dates for a jury trial.

Doyle is one of four persons charged with being accessories after the fact to Devon's murder. He was arrested March 6 and spent two weeks in custody before he was released on a bail order worked out by lawyers.

The \$200,000 bail order includes four sureties and a 9 p.m.-6 a.m. curfew. There are exceptions to the curfew for medical emergencies or when Doyle is in the "direct and continuous presence" of a surety.

Doyle is prohibited from possessing firearms or having contact with the four other persons charged in the case and seven potential Crown witnesses.

Devon was 16 when he was reported missing by his mother March 4, 2022. He was last seen alive Feb. 24, 2022, in the Spryfield area of Halifax.

On Sept. 17, 2024, police an-

nounced the teen's disappearance had become a homicide. They said remains believed to be his had been recovered and two men had been charged.

Treyton Marsman, 27, of Lakeside, who is Devon's cousin, was arraigned in provincial court that day on charges of second-degree murder, interfering with human remains and obstructing justice.

A 20-year-old Halifax man, meanwhile, appeared in Halifax youth court on charges of being an accessory after the fact and obstructing justice. He was only 17 when he allegedly committed the offences, so his identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Two women were arrested later in September and in October for their alleged involvement after the killing.

Emma Maria Meta Casey, 23, of Hammonds Plains and Chelsey Marie Herritt, 27, of Bedford both face charges of being an accessory after the fact and interfering with Devon's remains. Casey is also accused of obstructing justice.

Casey and Herritt are both free on release conditions. They are scheduled to have a four-week jury trial together in Supreme Court in the fall of 2026.

The 20-year-old man was free on bail until May 12, when he was charged with impaired driving and breaching his release conditions after a car crash in Spryfield. He was denied bail in Supreme Court on July 16.

His trial by a Supreme Court judge alone is set for 15 days in October 2026.

Treyton Marsman is serving a sentence in federal prison for gun-related offences. He will appear in Supreme Court on Aug. 7 to set dates for his trial on the homicide charges.

Investigators believe Devon was killed in the overnight hours of Feb. 24 and 25, 2022, at his cousin's former residence on Gala Court in Spryfield. His remains were discovered near Hantsport last September.

Hundreds of people attended a celebration of Devon's life that was held at a church hall in Halifax on July 13.



NOVA SCOTIA ENERGY BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NSP MARITIME LINK INCORPORATED (NSPML) applied to the Board for approval of its 2026 revenue requirement and a cost assessment pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act*, the *Maritime Link Act* and the *Maritime Link Cost Recovery Process Regulations*.

The cost assessment is the amount that will be paid by Nova Scotia Power Inc. and recovered from its customers to finance the Maritime Link. NSPML proposes to set its 2026 cost assessment at \$198.7 million, payable monthly by NS Power in 2026 (the total cost assessment for 2025 was \$200.6 million).

NSPML also applied for Board approval of the following:

- A return on equity of 9%, with a range of 8.75%-9.25%;
- A regulated capital structure on sustaining capital of 60% debt and 40% equity (the regulated capital structure for the approved final project costs is 70/30); and
- The flexibility of its regulated capital structure on original project capital in a range of 28.5-31.5% equity and 68.5-71.5% debt.

This matter will be considered in a public hearing as follows:

Hearing starts: **Monday, December 15, 2025**
9:00 AM
(Continuing to Thursday, December 18, 2025, if necessary)

Hearing Location: **Office of the Board**
Summit Place, 3rd Floor
1601 Lower Water St.
Halifax, Nova Scotia

All or part of this public hearing may be held by GoToWebinar video conference.

Board Hearings are open to the public and you may participate as follows:

- You may make written comments by sending a letter to the Clerk of the Board at P.O. Box 1692, Unit "M", Halifax, NS B3J 3S3, or by email at: board@novascotia.ca, or by fax at (902) 424-3919 by **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**.
- You may request formal standing as an Intervenor, subject to Board approval. This will allow you to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses. Your request must be received by the Board by **Thursday, August 14, 2025**.

A copy of the Application and any timetable applying to this matter may be viewed on the Board's website at <https://nserbt.ca/nseb>, by clicking on "Matters & Evidence", "Go To Files & Documents", and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, enter Matter No. **M12394**.

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