

# Mass Casualty Commission

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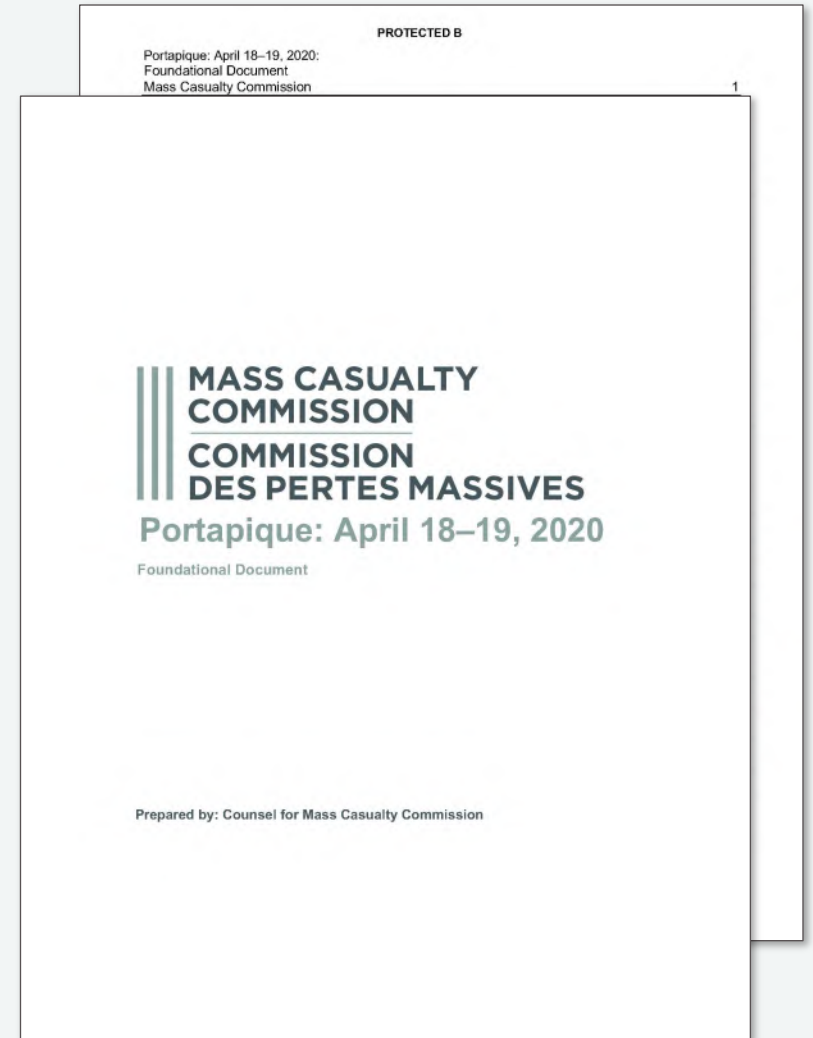
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COMMISSION COUNSEL

# Exhibits

## FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS

- **Portapique: April 18–19, 2020**
- **All supporting documentation**



# Subject Matter

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- **A summary of evidence currently available to the Mass Casualty Commission in relation to the events on April 18 and 19, 2020**
- **Observations and experiences of residents in the Portapique area specific to the evening of April 18 and into the morning hours of April 19, 2020**
- **Movement of the perpetrator in the community on April 18, 2020**





**Portapique, April 18–19, 2020**

# Nova Scotia

● Sydney

● Amherst

● Truro

● Halifax

● Yarmouth





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**Parrsboro**

**Five  
Islands**

**Bass River**

**Great Village  
Portapique**

**Truro**









An aerial photograph of a coastal area, likely in the Caribbean, showing a mix of green forested land, brownish agricultural fields, and a large body of water. A winding road or path is visible through the landscape. The labels 'Five Houses', 'Portapique', and 'Highland Village' are placed over specific areas. A north arrow is in the bottom left corner.

Five Houses

Portapique

Highland  
Village









# Portapique

Portapique Beach Rd.

Brown Loop

HWY 2

Orchard Beach Dr.

'blueberry field road'

Portapique Cres.

Cobequid Crt.

Faris Ln.

Bay View Crt.





A gravel road curves through a dense forest of evergreen trees. The road is light-colored and textured, leading the eye into the distance. The trees are dark green and tall, lining both sides of the road. The sky is overcast and grey.

# Portapique Beach Road





# Portapique Beach Road

Travelling South

















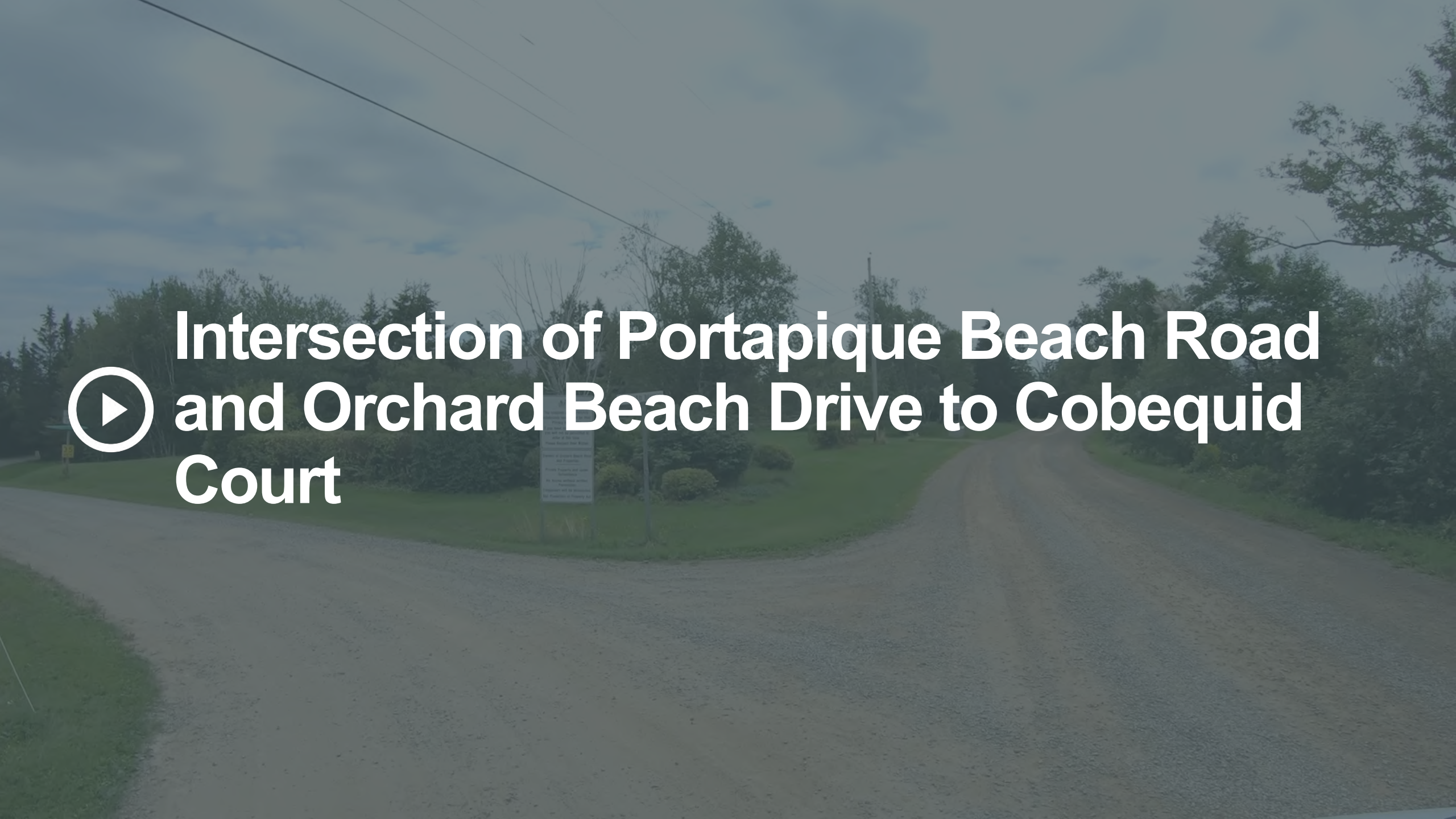












# Intersection of Portapique Beach Road and Orchard Beach Drive to Cobequid Court



# Orchard Beach Drive

## Travelling South















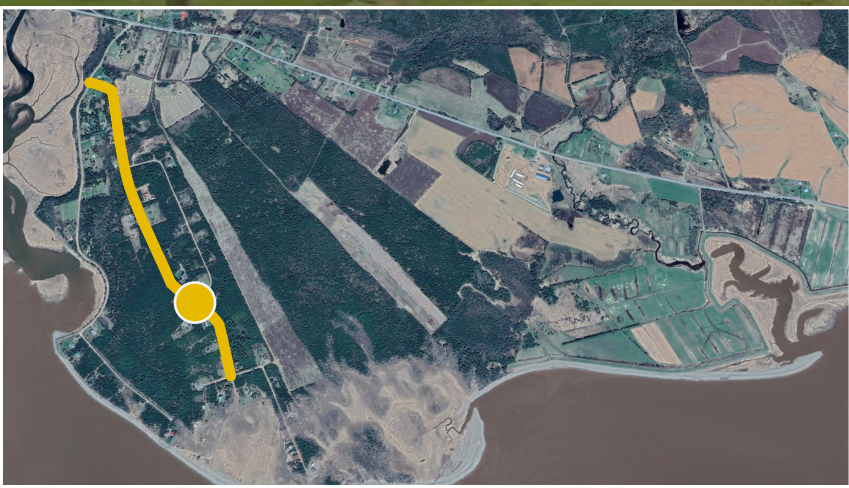




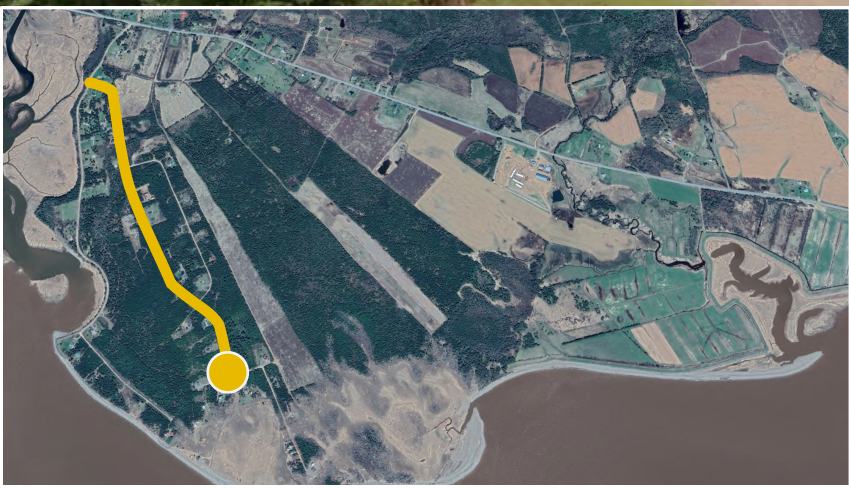














A photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest of evergreen trees. The road is in the center, leading towards the horizon. The trees are dense on both sides, and the sky is overcast. A utility pole is visible on the left side of the road.

# ▶ West End of Cobequid Court

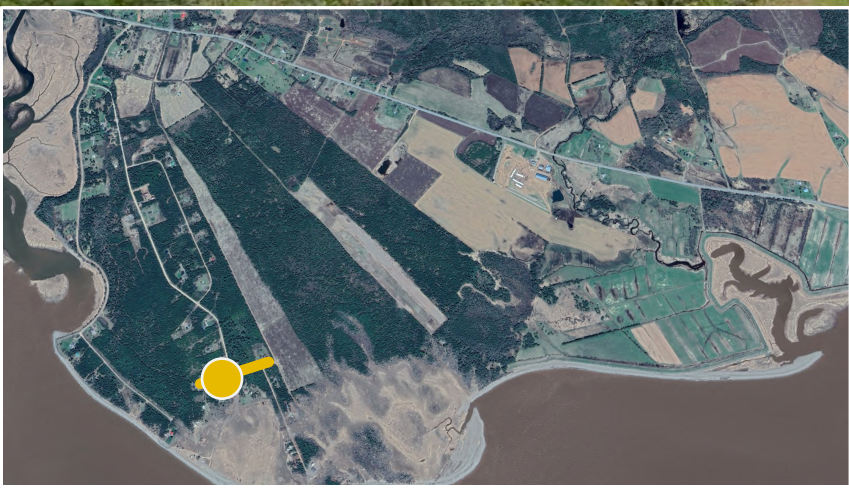


A wide-angle shot of a gravel or dirt road stretching into the distance. The road is flanked by dense evergreen forests. On the left, there are some utility poles and wires. On the right, a large, well-manicured evergreen tree stands prominently. In the far distance, a small, light blue house is visible through the trees. The sky is overcast and grey.

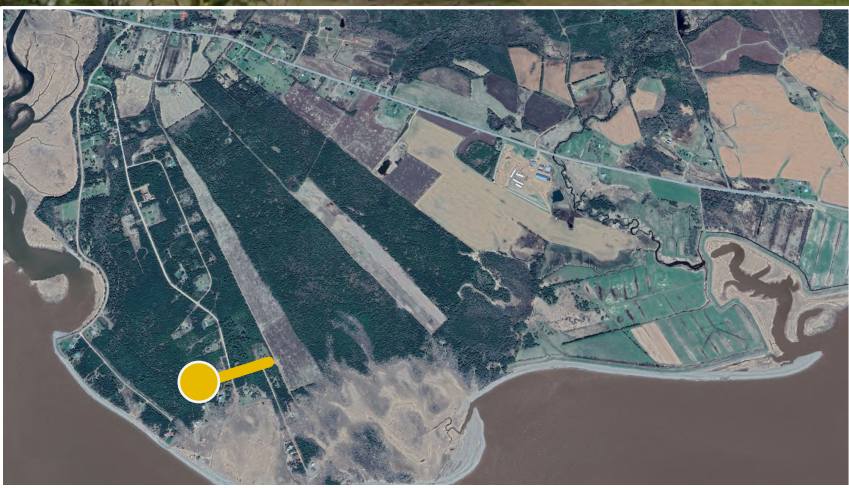
# **Cobequid Court**

West End – Travelling West













71 Orchard Beach Dr.

123 Orchard Beach Dr.

136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

135 Orchard Beach Dr.

293 Portapique Beach Rd.

46 Cobequid Crt.

41 Cobequid Crt.





# Key Known Indicators of Perpetrator's Whereabouts

**911 call from  
Jamie Blair**

10:01–10:04 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**911 call from  
children**

10:16 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**Corrie Ellison  
cell phone images**

10:40:12 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**GPS location of  
Lisa McCully**

10:13:50 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**911 call from  
MacDonalds**

10:25 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**Wilson's Gas Stops  
surveillance video**

10:51 p.m.  
April 18, 2020





# Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

**Emily Tuck sends  
a text message**

10:03 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**IARD team proceeds on foot  
down Portapique Beach Road**

10:33 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**911 call of  
Alan Griffon**

10:39 p.m.  
April 18, 2020



**Joanne Thomas  
sends a text message**

10:23 p.m.  
April 18, 2020

**911 call of  
Patricia Zimmerman**

10:33 p.m.  
April 18, 2020



# Perpetrator's Properties

200 Portapique  
Beach Rd.

136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

287 Portapique  
Beach Rd.





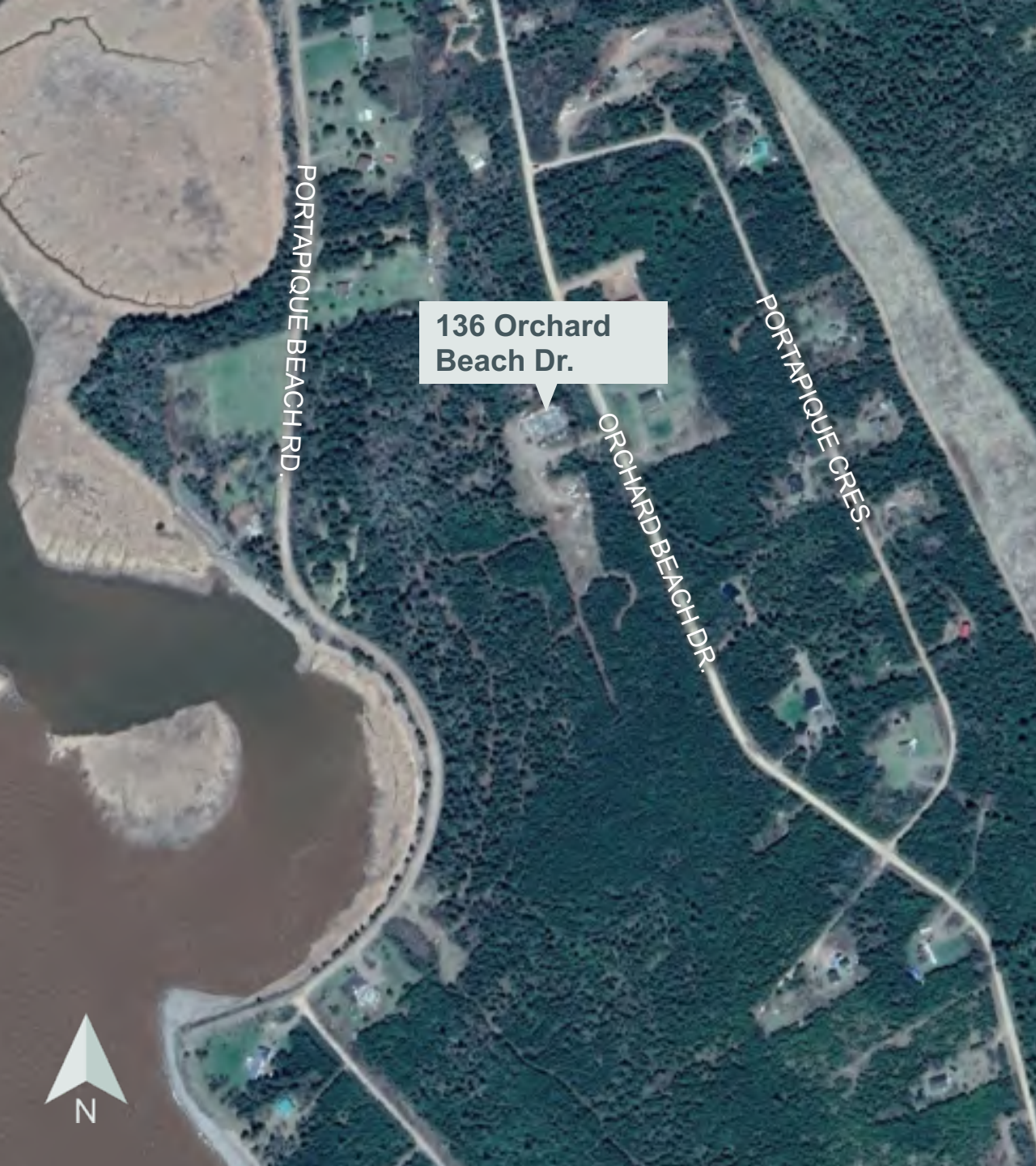


# 200 Portapique Beach Road

## KEY POINTS

- “The cottage”
- Residence in Portapique shared by the perpetrator and Lisa Banfield
- Situated on west side of Portapique Beach Road
- Perpetrator resided here during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Location of physical violence with perpetrator and Lisa Banfield prior to 10:00 p.m., April 18





# 136 Orchard Beach Drive

## KEY POINTS

- “The warehouse”
- Large structure containing perpetrator’s collectibles
- Access to 200 Portapique Beach Road through cut trail in the woods or via roadways
- Location of physical violence with Lisa Banfield prior to 10:00 p.m.
- Location of replica RCMP cruiser





# 287 Portapique Beach Road

## KEY POINTS

- Large wooded lot on the east side of Portapique Beach Road
- Situated between Portapique Beach Road and Orchard Beach Drive
- Cut trails through this property connecting southern portions of Portapique Beach Road to property at 136 Orchard Beach Drive



# Prior to 10:00 p.m.

## SUMMARY OF LISA BANFIELD'S STATEMENTS

- Celebrating 19th anniversary
- Video call from Maine
- Dispute and Lisa Banfield's departure to 200 Portapique Beach Road





200 Portapique  
Beach Rd.

136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

PORTAPIQUE  
RD.

ORCHARD BEACH DR.

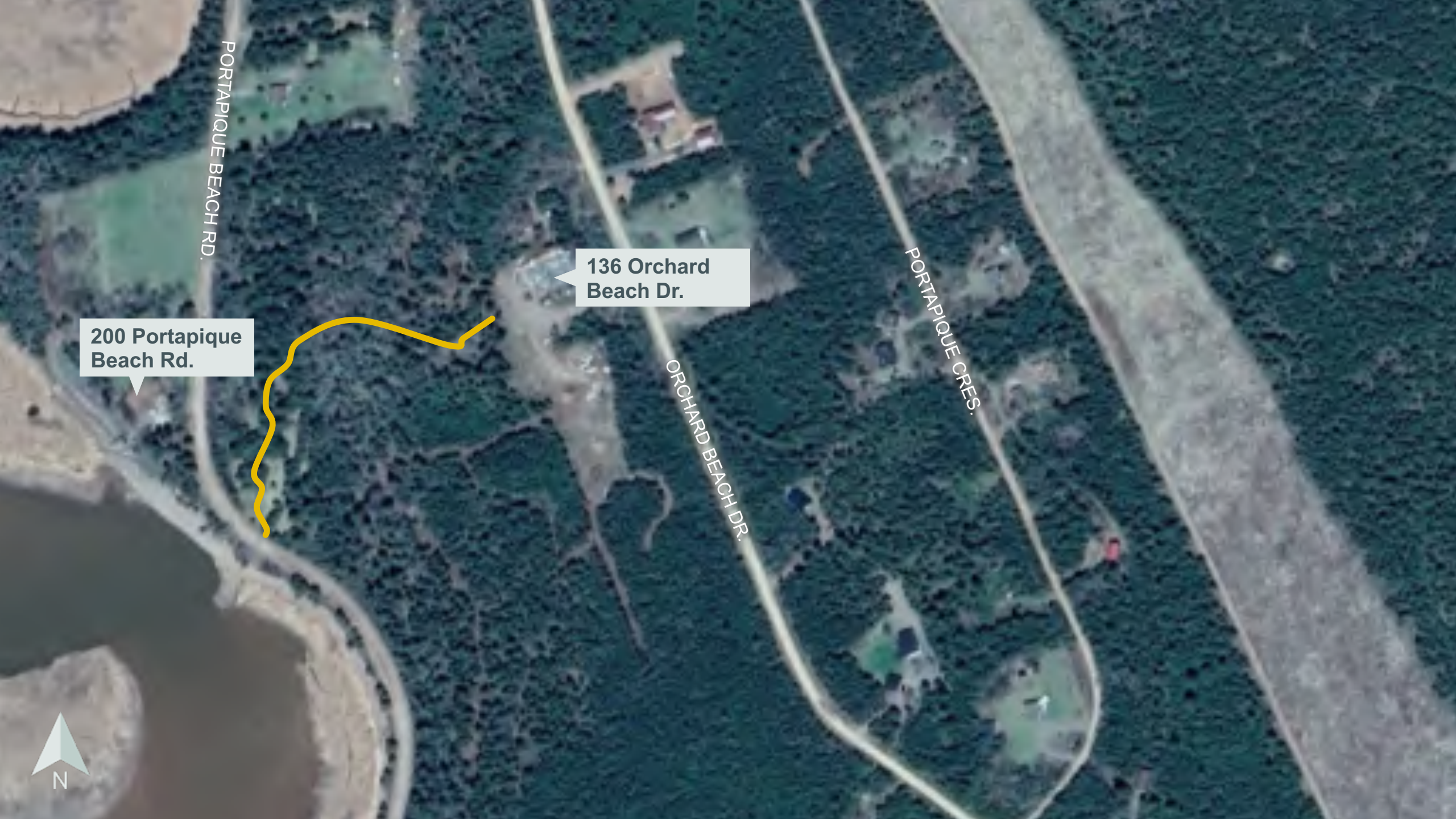
PORTAPIQUE CREEK

FARIS LN.

COBEQUID CRT.







PORTAPIQUE BEACH RD.

200 Portapique  
Beach Rd.

136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

ORCHARD BEACH DR.

PORTAPIQUE CRES.





# Prior to 10:00 p.m. (continued)

## SUMMARY OF LISA BANFIELD'S STATEMENTS

- Assault at 200 Portapique Beach Road
- 200 Portapique Beach Road set on fire
- Return to warehouse



# Prior to 10:00 p.m. (continued)

## SUMMARY OF LISA BANFIELD'S STATEMENTS

- Lisa Banfield confined in back seat of replica RCMP cruiser
- Lisa Banfield departs the warehouse
- Warehouse set on fire



10:00 p.m.  
123 Orchard Beach Drive

123 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

135 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

PORTAPIQUE BEACH RD.

ORCHARD BEACH DR.

PORTAPIQUE CRES.

blueberry field rd





911 CALL OF JAMIE BLAIR, 10:01–10:04 P.M.

**Jamie Blair:** *My neighbour ... I think he just shot my husband ... he's lying on the deck ... there's a police car in the fucking driveway ... there is a police car, but he drives, he's a dentist and drives like a ... there is an RCMP – it's decked and labelled RCMP [inaudible] but it's not a police officer.*



136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

ORCHARD BEACH DR.

135 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

123 Orchard  
Beach Dr.







**10:13:50 p.m.**

- Lisa McCully has left 135 Orchard Beach Drive
- Prior to 10:16 p.m., children from 123 Orchard Beach Drive make their way to 135 Orchard Beach Drive



911 CALL OF BLAIR AND MCCULLY CHILDREN, 10:16 P.M.

**OCC:** *Did ya see what kind of vehicle?*

**AD:** *Ah it was a police car. I — I couldn't find, I couldn't find the ah, the ah, license.*

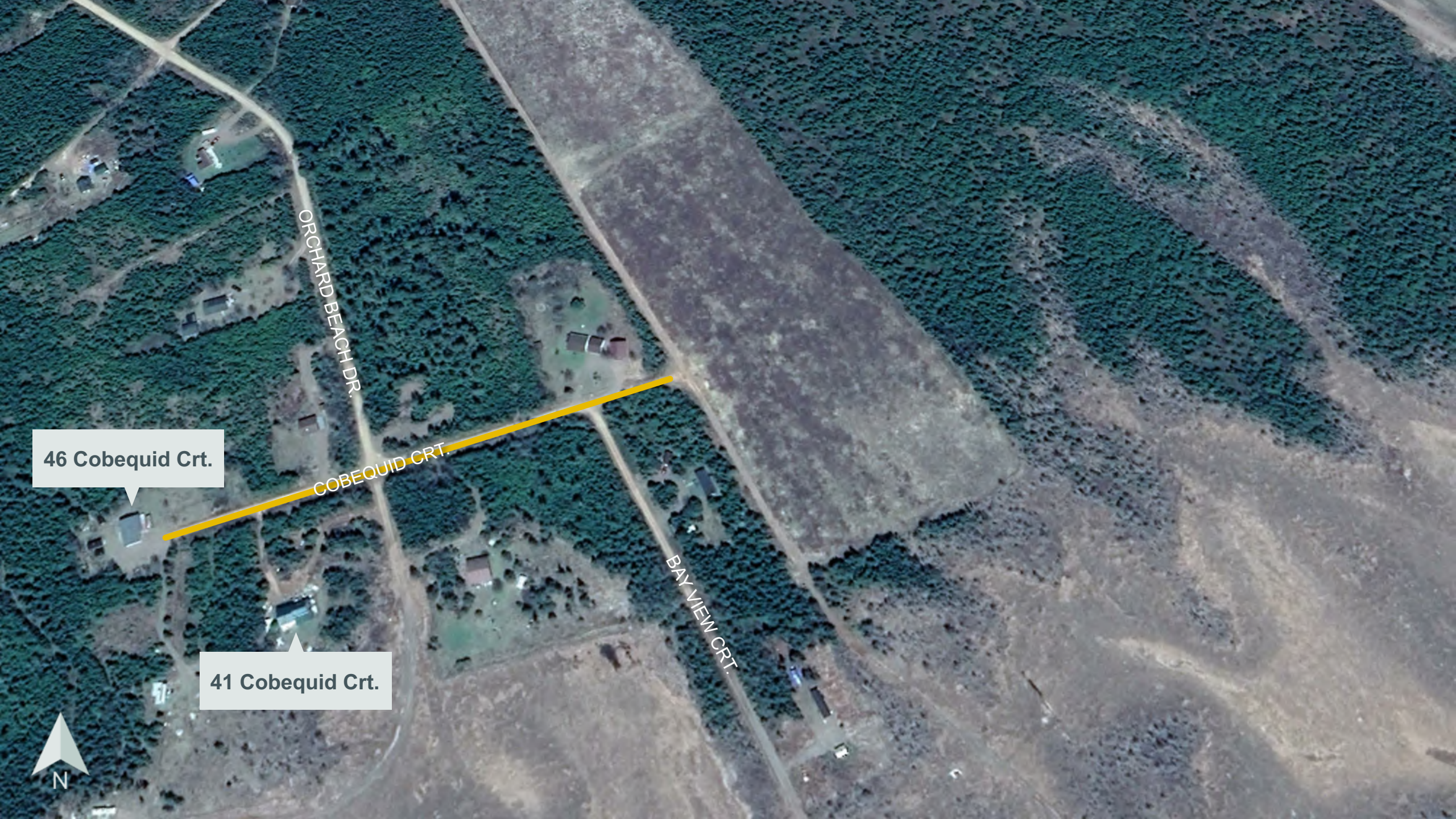
**OCC:** *Oh ok. Did you see anything else about the vehicle you said it was a police car?*

**AD:** *Yes it was.*

**OCC:** *It was?*

**AD:** *Just like the um, the — like a police car.*





ORCHARD BEACH DR.

46 Cobequid Crt.

COBEQUID CRT.

41 Cobequid Crt.

BAY VIEW CRT.







46 Cobequid Crt.

41 Cobequid Crt.

# 10:03 p.m.

## KEY POINTS

- Emily Tuck sends text message to AH at 10:03 p.m.



# Perpetrator Movements

## HYPOTHESIS ONE (10:05–10:20 P.M.)

- Departs 123 Orchard Beach Drive and proceeds south to Cobequid Court
- Attends Tuck/Oliver and Bond residences
- Returns north on Orchard Beach Drive
- Encounters Lisa McCully outside 135 Orchard Beach Drive
- Attends the Gulenchyn residence at 71 Orchard Beach Drive







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# Perpetrator Movements

## HYPOTHESIS TWO (10:05–10:20 P.M.)

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10:00–10:20 p.m.

71 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

123 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

135 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

ORCHARD BEACH DR.

COBEQUID CRT.

46 Cobequid Crt.

41 Cobequid Crt.





# Approximately 10:20–10:26 p.m.

## MACDONALD ROUTE

- Travel south down Orchard Beach Drive
- Pass the perpetrator parked at the Gulenchyn residence (71 Orchard Beach Drive)
- See fire at perpetrator's warehouse
- Call 911 at 10:25 p.m.
- Turn around and head north on Orchard Beach Drive

--- MacDonald route

● Perpetrator





911 CALL OF ANDREW AND KATE MACDONALD, 10:25 P.M.

**Andrew MacDonald:** *Yeah, like, the police officer is parked at this driveway but I don't know what the, like he's coming around. I don't know if he's going to talk to me or what.*

**Fire:** *Is it safe for him to be on that road? ...*

**Andrew MacDonald:** *But, uh.*

**Fire:** *... Right now?*

**Andrew MacDonald:** *Yeah, fire.*

*(Shots fired. Female screaming.)*

**CT01:** *Sir? Sir?*

*(Female screaming.)*



911 CALL OF ANDREW AND KATE MACDONALD, 10:25 P.M. (CONTINUED)

**Andrew MacDonald:** *I've been shot.*

**CT01:** *Fire?*

**Andrew MacDonald:** *I've been shot.*

**CT01:** *Fire, so you aware there's possibly a shots fired?*

(Female screaming.)

**Kate MacDonald:** *What the fuck is happening?*

**Andrew MacDonald:** *It's our neighbour, Gabe, he just shot me in the arm.*





# 10:26–10:28 p.m.

## MACDONALD ROUTE

- Speed north on Orchard Beach Drive
- Turn right onto Portapique Beach Road
- Encounter Cst. Stuart Beselt

--- MacDonald route

● Perpetrator ● Cst. Beselt





# 10:20–10:28 p.m.

## FAULKNER ROUTE

- Travel west on Highway 2
- Travel to 140 Portapique Crescent
- Retrace route back to Orchard Beach Drive
- Observe two vehicles
- Follow vehicles north on Orchard Beach Drive
- Stop on Portapique Beach Road
- Proceed west on Highway 2

--- Faulkner route

● Perpetrator ● MacDonalds



911 CALL OF ALLISON FRANCIS, 10:27 P.M.

**Allison Francis:** *I hear shots or fireworks or something. Three vehicles leaving Orchard Beach Drive.*

...

*I hear the fire alarms. They're not answering, I texted.*

**911 Operator:** *OK. So, do we know what's going on there?*

**Allison Francis:** *No, we don't know what's going on in particular. Just as I was calling you there, somebody screaming, like kids sounding and then three vehicles just left.*





# Approximately 10:33 p.m.

## RON AND PATRICK ZIMMERMANS' OBSERVATIONS

- 134 Portapique Crescent
- South to Orchard Beach Drive
- North to 136 Orchard Beach Drive
- Through north intersection of Portapique Crescent and Orchard Beach Drive
- Return to 134 Portapique Crescent
- Call 911 at 10:33 p.m.

..... Zimmerman route



# Perpetrator Movements

HYPOTHESIS (10:28–10:38 P.M.)

- Travels south to 293 Portapique Beach Road



..... Perpetrator route





# 10:23–10:39 p.m.

## KEY POINTS

- Joanne Thomas sends a text message at 10:23 p.m.
- Alan Griffon hears popping sound before he calls 911
- Alan Griffon calls 911 at 10:39 p.m.
- Alan Griffon observes fire at 200 Portapique Beach Road
- Alan Griffon does not observe fire at 293 Portapique Beach Road

..... Perpetrator route



# Summary

- Joanne Thomas sends a text at 10:23 p.m.
- Zimmermans on Orchard Beach Drive before 10:33 p.m.
- Alan Griffon hears popping sounds before 10:39 p.m.
- Alan Griffon did not see fire at 293 Portapique Beach Road





## 10:33–10:41 p.m.

### KEY POINTS

- At 10:33 p.m., IARD Members proceed south on foot on Portapique Beach Road
- IARD Members arrive just south of 200 Portapique Beach Road at 10:41 p.m.

.... IARD members



200 Portapique  
Beach Rd.

136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

287 Portapique  
Beach Rd.

293 Portapique  
Beach Rd.

ORCHARD BEACH DR.

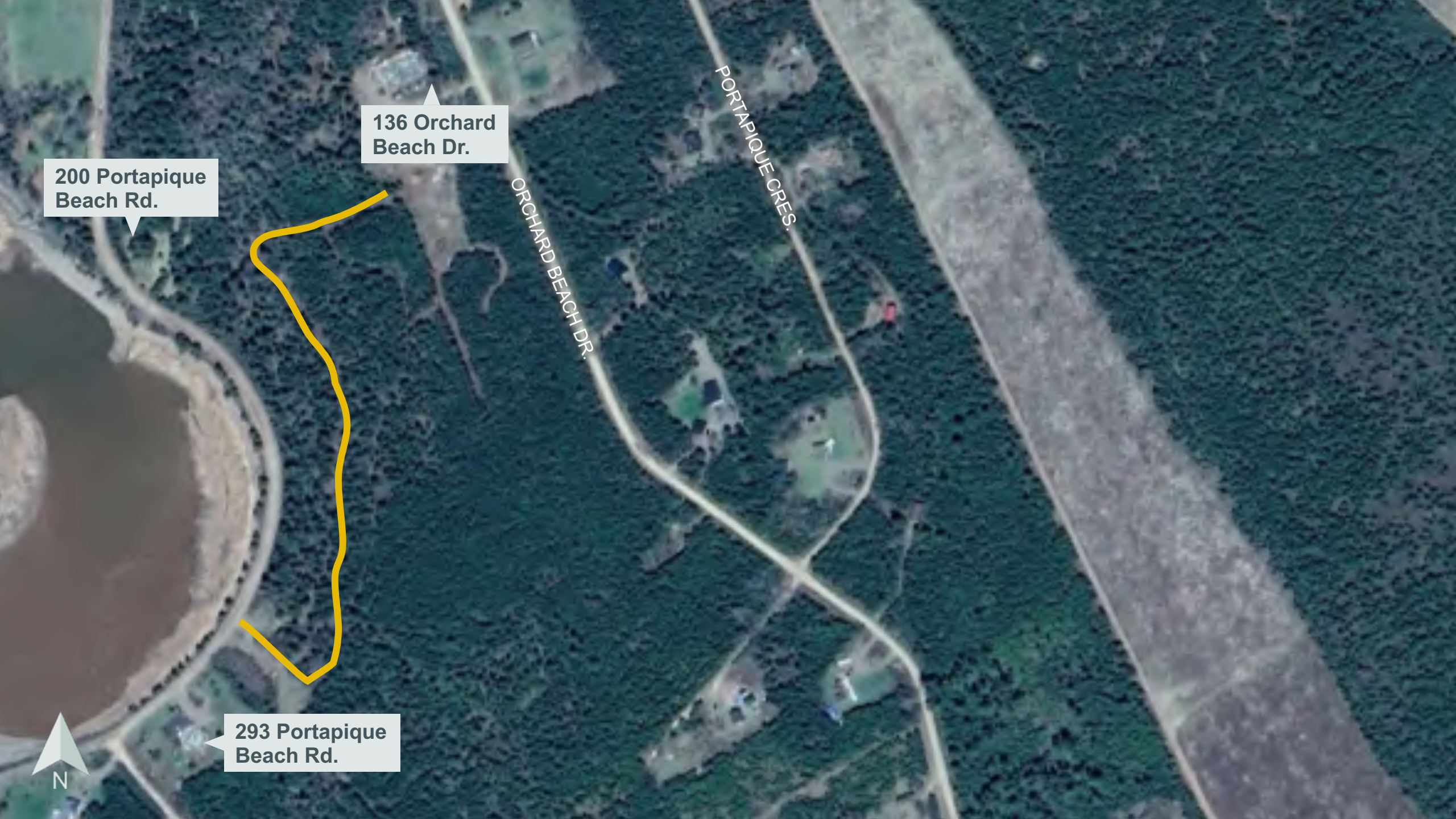
PORTAPIQUE CRES.

FARIS LN.

COBEQUID CRT.







200 Portapique  
Beach Rd.

136 Orchard  
Beach Dr.

ORCHARD BEACH DR.

PORTAPIQUE CRES.

293 Portapique  
Beach Rd.







**287 Portapique Beach Road trails from  
136 Orchard Beach Drive**









# **287 Portapique Beach Road trails at 293 Portapique Beach Road**









**10:39 p.m.**

## OBSERVATIONS OF CHILDREN

**OCC:** *This Gabriel doesn't live in the area does he?*

**AB:** *Ah he does, he live – he kind of does, he lives on the main road, like on – not the paved road but like – he lives on the government road. But he, he's been here the past few weeks but he doesn't coming out – oh there's a car going out of Gabriel's. It's Gabriel! No – you don't know that bud.*

**AB:** *(Inaudible) there's a car (inaudible)*

**OCC:** *Ok just stay where you guys are ok?*





## OBSERVATIONS OF CHILDREN (CONTINUED)

**AB:** *There's gunshots!*

**OCC:** *Just stay on the floor where you guys are ok.*

**AB:** *I can hear him talking – he's talking. Well I can hear someone- yeah no – (inaudible)-*

**OCC:** *Ok, are they talking outside.*

**AB:** *No but we can hear gunshots.*

**OCC:** *Ok. Just stay on the floor ok, and everybody stay together on the floor there, stay away from any windows or doors, try not to look outside.*

**AB:** *We gotta move then because we're right by the-*





# Prior to 10:36 p.m.

## CORRIE ELLISON MOVEMENTS

- Corrie Ellison walks to observe fire
- 10:36 p.m.: phones his father and advises him of fire
- Takes photos of fire





**10:39:26 p.m.**





**10:39:33 p.m.**





10:40:12 p.m.





# Perpetrator Movements

HYPOTHESIS (10:40–10:51 P.M.)

- Proceeds south on Orchard Beach Drive
- East on Cobequid Court
- North on ‘blueberry field road’
- North on Brown Loop
- East on Highway 2


● Perpetrator





**Intersection of Orchard Beach Drive  
and Cobequid Court to 'blueberry field  
road' to Highway 2**



A wide-angle shot of a gravel road in a forest. The road is light brown and gravelly, curving slightly to the right. It is flanked by dense green trees, including tall evergreens and deciduous trees with lighter foliage. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the bottom left corner, there is white text that reads "Cobequid Court" and "Travelling East".

# Cobequid Court

Travelling East



# Brown Loop to Great Village

Brown Loop


HWY 2

HWY 2

Wilsons Gas Stops  
8743 HWY 2







# Approximately 10:45 p.m.

134 Portapique  
Cres.

## STATEMENT OF PATRICIA ZIMMERMAN

*While I was standing out there... an[d] going on about the glow in the sky, we saw lights of a vehicle come, 'cause there's a road right here.*

*... it was set of lights, moving like a bat out of hell, zipping down a road that nobody ever uses.*







# Approximately 10:45–10:55 p.m.

## OBSERVATIONS OF DEAN DILLMAN

- Drives to southwest corner of Brown Loop
- Makes a call to a friend at 10:53 p.m.
- Approximates his attendance between 10:45 and 10:55 p.m.



Dean Dillman



10:51 p.m.

pumps





The background of the entire image is a dark, monochromatic photograph of water. In the lower half, there are several concentric, overlapping ripples that spread outwards from a point just below the center, creating a sense of movement and depth. The upper half of the image is relatively flat, showing the fine texture of the water's surface.

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