Mass Casualty Commission

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NOW SPEAKING
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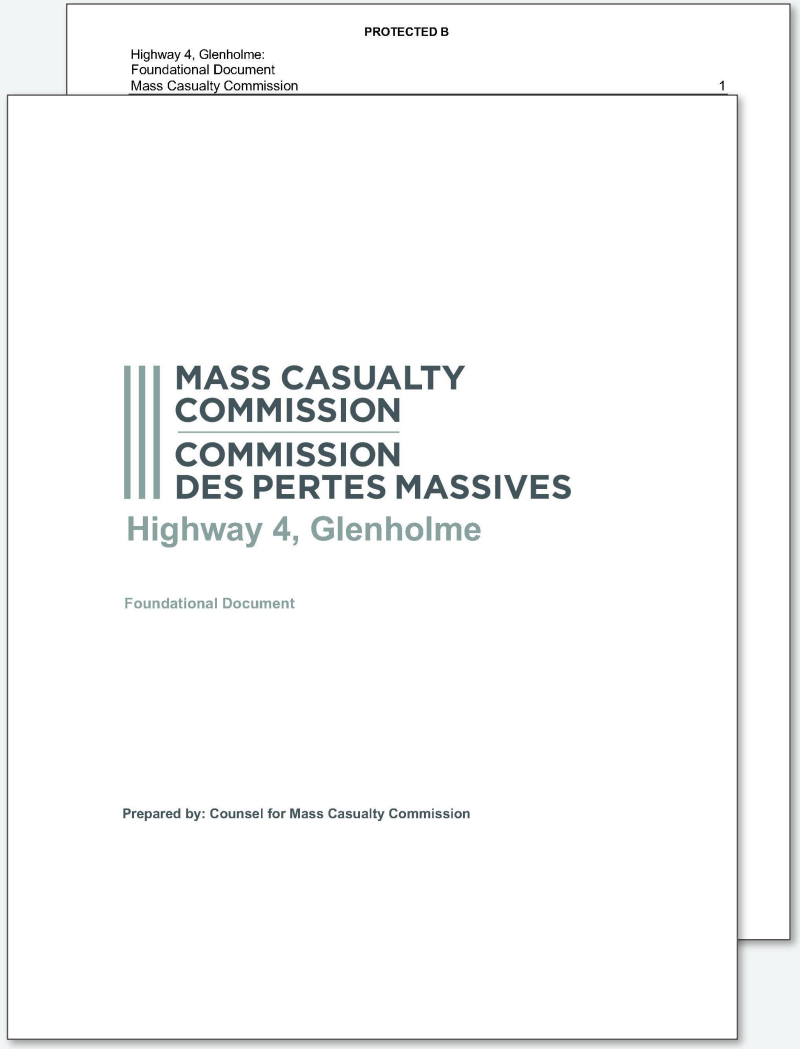
Exhibits

FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS

- **Highway 4, Glenholme**
- **All supporting documentation**



Subject Matter

AREA OF FOCUS

- **A summary of information currently available to the Mass Casualty Commission in relation to events on April 19, 2020, at Highway 4, Glenholme, Nova Scotia**

Highway 4, Glenholme

Cumberland County
Wentworth
Glenholme
Portapique
Colchester County
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HWY 104
HWY 246
Wentworth
HWY 4
HWY 104
Debert
Plains Rd.
Portapique
Glenholme
HWY 104
N

N

Debert
Glenholme
Portapique
Masstown
Truro
N

N

Hidden Hilltop Family Campground
Plains Rd.
HWY 4
Plains Rd.
2896 HWY 4
HWY 104
HWY 104, exit 11
HWY 104
HWY 4
HWY 104
N

HWY 4
Driveway of
2896 HWY 4
2896 HWY 4
HWY 4
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Perpetrator Departs Wentworth

KEY POINTS

- At approximately 9:35 a.m., the perpetrator proceeds south on Highway 4 from the Lillian Campbell scene

Folly Lake
9:40-9:45 a.m.

Cpl. Peterson Departs for Portapique

KEY POINTS

- Corporal (Cpl.) Rodney Peterson reports for duty at Bible Hill detachment at approximately 9:00 a.m.
- He is informed of the incidents in Portapique
- He is informed of the involvement of a police car
- He travels from the Bible Hill detachment to Masstown
- At 9:39 a.m., he receives a BOLO with the description of perpetrator’s vehicle

OCC Advises of Wentworth Shooting

9:42:30 AM – UF: *Ah, Colchester members from 355, we have just had a shooting on Highway 4 in Wentworth. A female is deceased on the side of the road. Um, unknown if she's been shot or hit by a vehicle. Ah, they heard a loud bang, saw an RCMP vehicle, left heading towards Truro.*

9:42:58 AM – Cpl. WALL: *(No audio)*

9:43:02 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *I'm in Masstown now, guys. Bravo-06*

9:43:11AM – Cst. MELANSON: *(No audio)*

9:43:14 AM – Cpl. MILLS: *(No audio)*

9:43:15 AM – Cpl. MILLS: *Oscar-Charlie, we're gonna head to ah, Wentworth.*

9:43:15 AM – UF: *(No audio)*

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OCC Advises of Wentworth Shooting

9:43:21AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Alright,10-4. Bravo-06 here, I can head in that direction too.*

9:43:31AM – UM (H- ERT Base): *Hotel-1, you copy?*

9:43:43 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Dispatch, you copy?*

9:43:46 AM – UF: *Yeah, go ahead.*

9:43:48 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Send a copy of that to Bravo-06 and ah, did that just happen or was that ah, she was discovered?*

9:43:55 AM – UF: *Ah, file says time delay of a minute.*

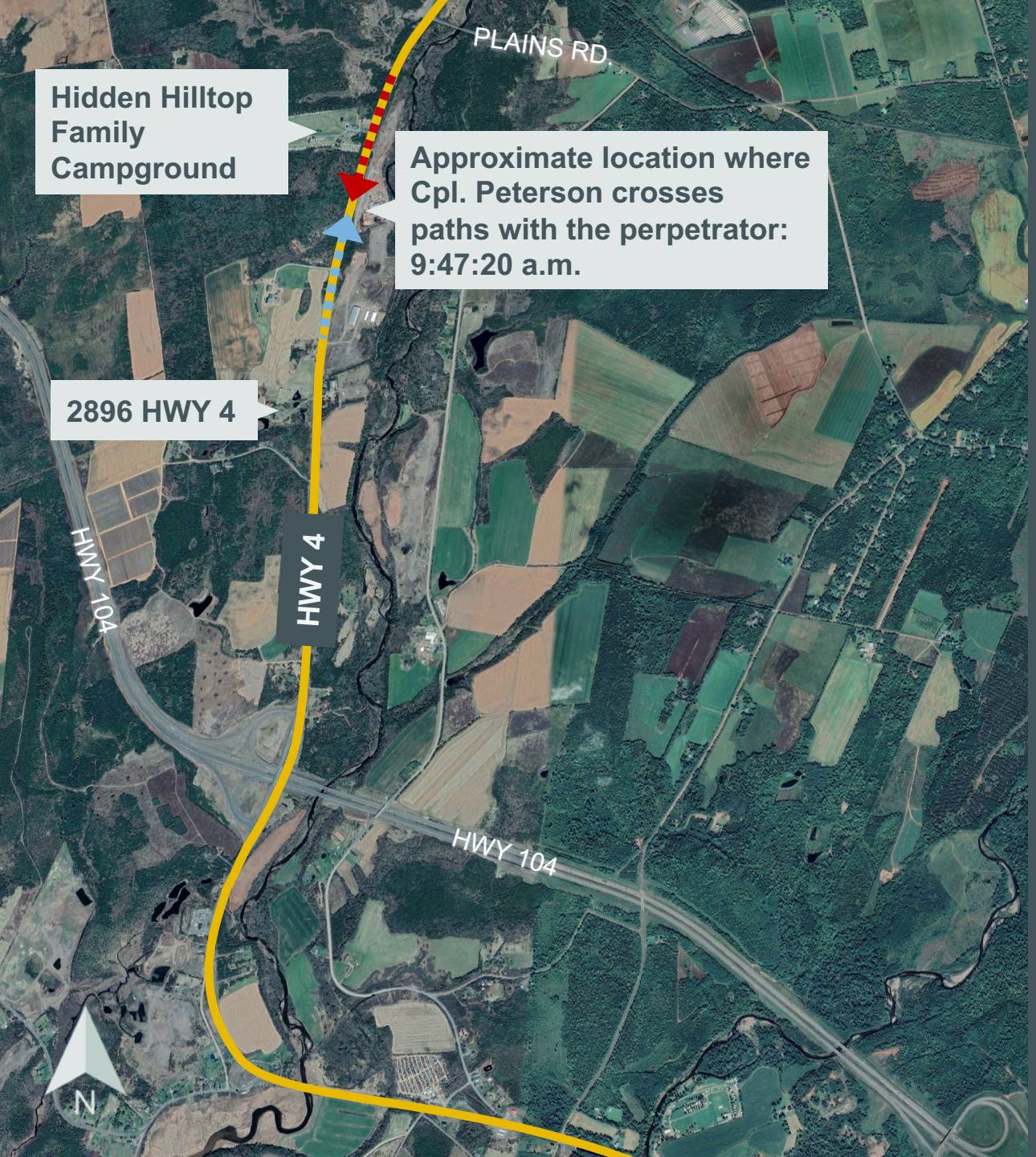
9:44:00 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *OK, got ya.*

Communications Between Members

9:46:34 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Anybody reading that dispatch ticket?*

9:46:43 AM – Cst. BROWN: *Go over the air with dispatch details.*

9:46:47 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *9-1- 911 sudden death, time dela- delay is one minute. Her neighbour, ah, Lillian (ph) last name unknown, 50 years old, found on the side of the road, she got hit by a car or shot. Ah, complainant heard a bang, saw an RCMP vehicle there.*



Cpl. Peterson Passes the Perpetrator

9:47:24 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *I just saw an RCMP offic-- ah, car going towards Masstown on number 4 there, guys. Is that fully marked, like, or is it an ex-police car?*

9:47:34 AM – UM (H- ERT Base): *(No audio)*

9:47:36 AM – UM (H- ERT Base): *The car we're looking for is a fully marked PC, 28-Bravo-11, ID of it.*

9:47:43 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Yeah, he just passed me going to Masstown, I think. He got a reflective vest on, guys.*

9:47:53 AM – UM (H- ERT Base): *OK, go again.*

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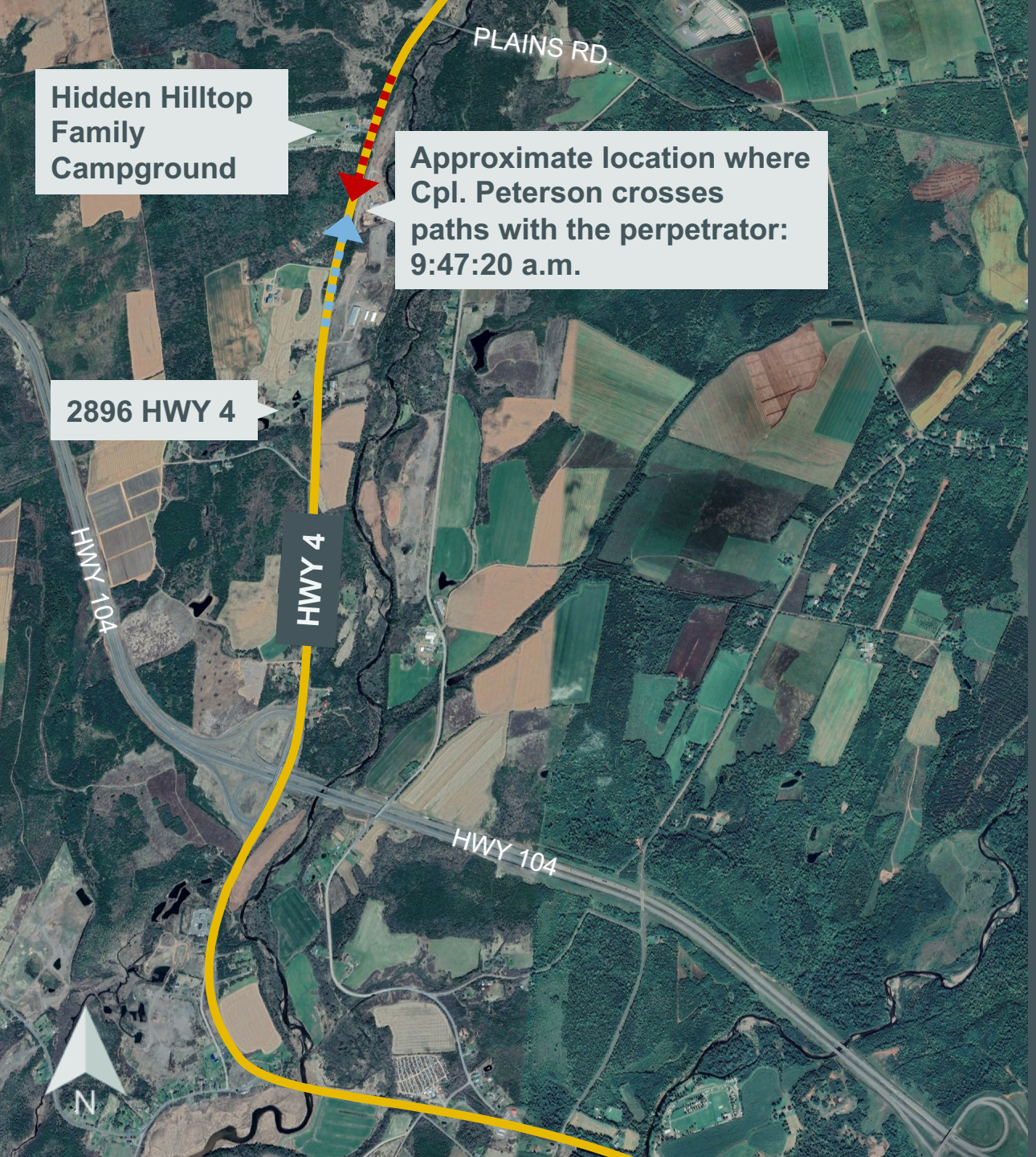
Perpetrator route

Cpl. Peterson route



Cpl. Peterson Passes the Perpetrator

9:47:56 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *That vehicle just passed me. Ah, he's almost to Masstown on the number 4.*

9:48:04 AM – UM (H- ERT Base): *Copy.*

9:48:06 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *The guy ah, was driving slow, smiled as he went by. Ah, white Caucasian male, ah looked like brownish hair. He's got a reflective ah, vest or jacket on.*

9:48:18 AM – Cst. BROWN: *That- that's him. That's got to be him. And it's 28-Bravo-11, not 48.*

9:48:24 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Yeah, not sure- not sure ah, the call sign was, ah, he's passed me now. I'm not sure if he went on the Highway or not.*

Perpetrator route

Cpl. Peterson route

Hidden Hilltop Family Campground
Cpl. Peterson conducts a U-turn: 9:48:04 a.m.
PLAINS RD.
HWY 4
Approximate location where Cpl. Peterson crosses paths with the perpetrator: 9:47:20 a.m.
2896 HWY 4
HWY 4
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Cpl. Peterson Loses Visual of Perpetrator

9:49:36 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *I no longer have a visual there. I'm ah, coming up to 104 and number 4 interchange.*

9:49:47 AM – Cst. BROWN: *Rodney, we're at Masstown now. Which direction was he headed? Towards Truro or towards New Brunswick?*

9:49:54 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *No, he was on ah, the number 4 Highway so he's headed towards Masstown.*

9:50:00 AM – Cst. BROWN: *What's your location right now, Rod?*

9:50:04 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *I'm at the interchange ah, on top of the Highway here. Um, 104 ah, 10- ah,104, number 4 Highway. I'm just looking on the Highway here. I don't think he went on the Highway so he might be headed back down ah, either Masstown or ah, ah, Portapique way.*

Dispatch for Glenholme

9:50:18 AM – UF: *Break! Break! Break for dispatch. Break for dispatch.*

9:50:23 AM – UF: *Break for dispatch. We have the SOC at 2896 Highway 4 in Glenholme at the residence. Just called in.*

9:50:36 AM – Cst. BROWN: *Copy that. BROWN and MELANSON are 17.*

9:50:50 AM – UF: *(No audio)*

9:50:51 AM – Cst. HUBLEY: *(No audio)*

9:50:55 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Plot that on the map dis- dispatch.*

9:51:00 AM – UF: *Yeah, I'm dispatching it. Who's all going? I will send it so you have it on your map.*

9:51:05 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Send it to 6.*

9:51:08 AM – UM (H10): *Repeat the address for those without maps.*

9:51:12 AM – UF: *The file is 2896 Highway 4 in Glenholme.*

9:51:23 AM – UF: *Just off of exit 11- just off of exit 11, right by the Hilden* [sic] *(ph) Hilltop Campground.*

Fisher Residence

KEY POINTS

- Residence of Adam and Carole Fisher
- Adam Fisher calls Bible Hill detachment at 9:38 a.m. “to share with them about some of the vehicles that [the perpetrator] owns.”

Perpetrator Arrives at 2896 Highway 4

911 CALL OF CAROLE FISHER, 9:48:49 A.M.

911 Operator: *Nine-one-one what is your emergency?*

Carole Fisher: *The shooter is here that shot everyone in G – in Portapique*

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Carole Fisher: *… please please get here!*

911 Operator: *What do you mean he's there?*

Carole Fisher: *He – he's at our – at our door yard in a police car …*

Carole Fisher: *He's dressed in a police officer outfit with a – a um, ah, ah I can't even talk he's got like a bright, thing on him. We saw him, pull in and then just reach across the passenger seat I don't know what he did and we just ran and hid … and he's got an RCMP car, he has his own RCMP car.*

911 CALL OF ADAM FISHER, 9:49:05 A.M.

Adam Fisher: *Gabriel Wortman's at my house.*

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Adam Fisher: *Yes Highway four Glenholm* [sic] *he's driving a police car.*

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Adam Fisher: *I seen him pull in my yard, watched to see who got out, he got out dressed as a police officer-*

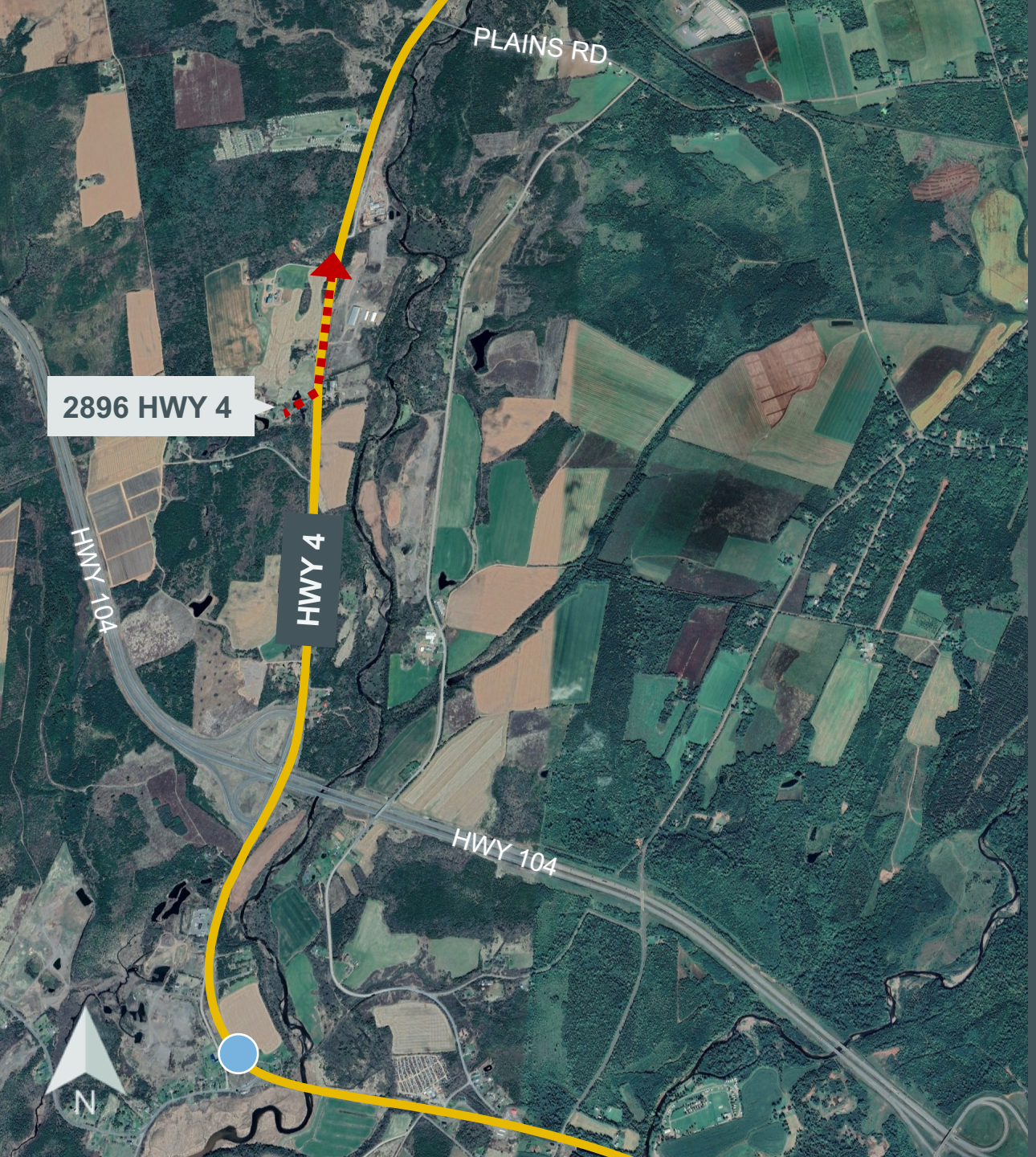
911 Operator: *You saw he fit the descript- he's, he's dressed like a police officer?*

Adam Fisher: *Yes.*

911 Operator: *Are you sure that it was him?*

Adam Fisher: *(Inaudible) I'm positive.*

Perpetrator Departs 2896 Highway 4



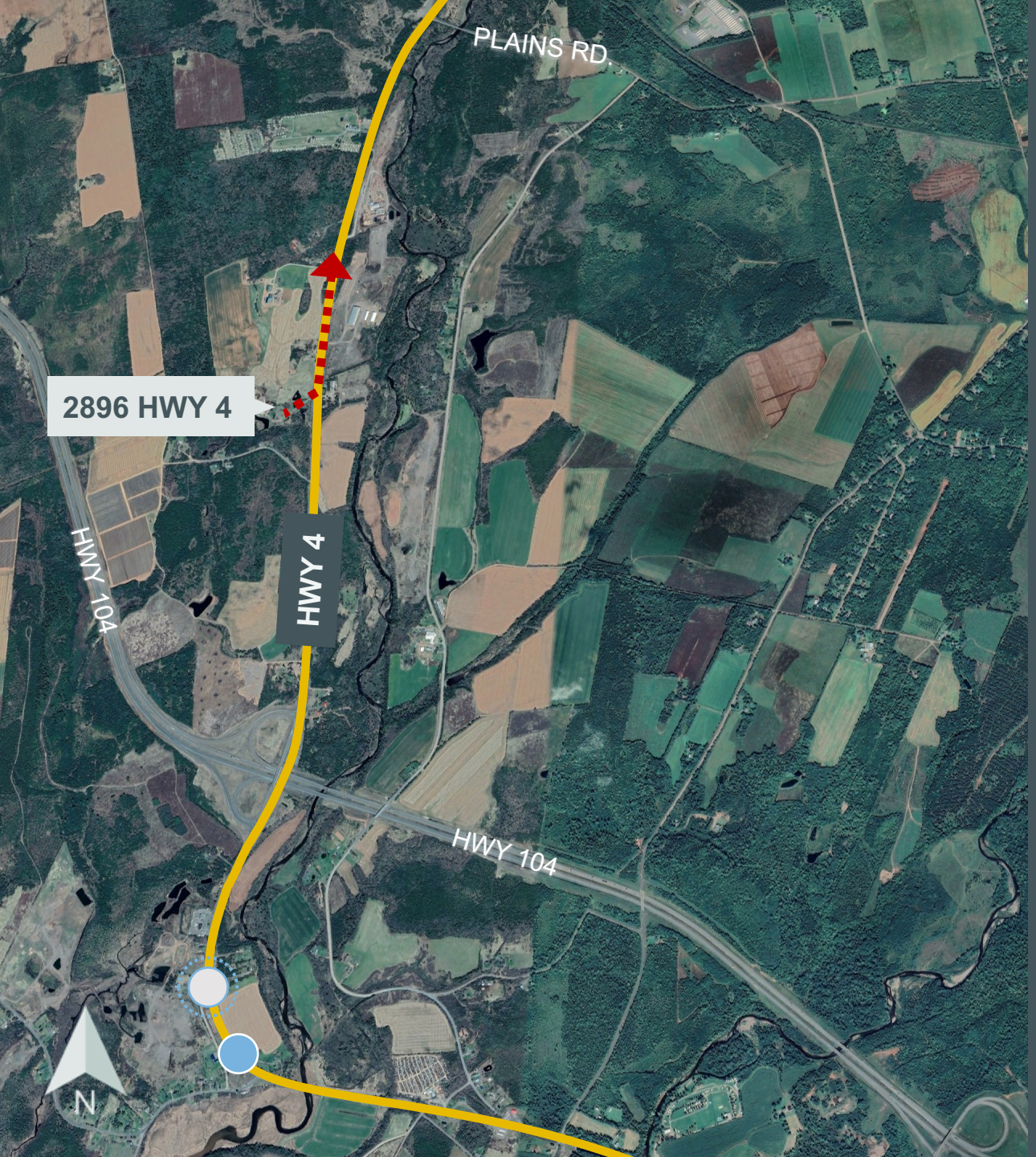
Perpetrator Departs 2896 Highway 4

KEY POINTS

- At approximately 9:51 a.m., the perpetrator travels north towards Plains Road
- At 9:51:54 a.m., Cpl. Peterson is three kilometres south of 2896 Highway 4

Perpetrator route

Cpl. Peterson



Location of Cpl. Peterson

9:51:54 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Yeah, I'm just almost there, guys so ah, I'm gonna stage just short of it.*

9:52:03 AM – S/Sgt. WEST: *MILLS from WEST, you're copying all this?*

9:52:11 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Just careful, Dave. Ah, you're gonna come off on a pretty fast there. Stage before we get there.*

Csts. Brown and Melanson

Cpl. Peterson

Initial Arrival Area

KEY POINTS

- Csts. MacDonald and Forrest arrive
- Cpl. Peterson suggests staging
- Csts. Brown and Melanson arrive
- Cpl. Peterson arrives

Initial Arrival Area

9:52:47 AM – Cst. BROWN: *Break! Break! We got eyes on him. Marked PC on the side of the Highway here up ahead of us.*

9:52:54 AM – Cst. SOLARINO: *Guys, that's MACDONALD. MACDONALD, we're just trying to log in to find out where the fuck we're at. We're pulling back out right in front of ya.*

9:53:02 AM – Cst. BROWN: *Copy. Copy. Ah, PETERSON and ah, BROWN and MELANSON are behind you.*

9:53:08 AM – Cpl. PETERSON: *Just stage right here, guys.*

9:53:11AM – Cst. SOLARINO: *If any of you guys have it plotted- ah, we don't have it plotted yet.*

Additional Response

KEY POINTS

- Csts. Fahie and Coleman arrive at 9:53:55 a.m.
- S/Sgt. MacCallum and Cst. Hubley arrive
- S/Sgt. MacCallum urges members to proceed farther north

General-Duty Members Arrive at Scene

APPROXIMATELY 9:55 A.M.

- Members stage south of 2896 Highway 4 driveway

ERT Departs Portapique

ERT Members Begin Arriving on Scene

KEY POINTS

- By 9:56:55 a.m., ERT members are in sight of the residence
- By 9:58:31 a.m., ERT members are setting up on scene
- ERT snipers are sent into the woods surrounding the Fisher residence. ERT begins to set up containment and prepares to advance towards the residence

ERT Obtains “Compromised Authority”

10:00:28 AM – Cpl. MILLS: *ERT's ah, mounted up into the TAV. We're looking for ah, permission to move up to the house with compromised authority.*

10:00:38 AM – S/Sgt. WEST: *Copy. Do we know if the vehicle’s there or can we not see that far?*

10:00:44 AM – Cpl. MILLS: *We can't see the vehicle from here, but when we pull up, ah, we'll be able to clear if the vehicle's there or not.*

10:00:50 AM – S/Sgt. WEST: *Copy that. Hotel-1 from Oscar-Charlie, you have permission to move ah, from the Highway to the res, with compromised authority, you have control.*

TAV Arrives at 2896 Highway 4

10:02:40 AM – Cpl. MILLS: *No PC. No PC.*

10:02:56 AM – Cpl. MILLS: *No police vehicle.*

Dispatch Regarding Shootings on Plains Road

10:07:53 AM – UF: *Break! Break! Break for dispatch. We have another shooting on Plains Road in Debert.*

10:08:02 AM – Cst. MELANSON: *(No audio)*

10:08:06 AM – Cst. MACDONALD: *(RTT- no audio)*

10:08:08 AM – UF: *(Inaudible)*

10:08:12 AM – Cpl. MILLS: *Do we know if that's a current one or an old one?*

10:08:15 – UF: *No, it's current. I've just had two files come in for it. Um, they were on the phone with a Heather O'BRIEN, 50 years old, parked on Lancaster Crescent in a vehicle, heard gunshots, Heather screamed and the line went dead.*

10:08:30 AM – UM (250704): *Can we get an approximate ah, civic for that?*

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Dispatch Regarding Shootings on Plains Road

10:08:37 AM – UF: *Yeah.*

10:08:47 AM – UM (H- ERT Base): *1541 Plains Road- 1541 Plains Road.*

10:08:58 AM – Cst. FAHIE: *02-Alpha-03's responding to Debert.*

10:09:02 AM – Cst. JOSEY: *Hotel-1 from Hotel-12-Kilo. We're gonna make our way to that Plains Road address.*

10:09:03 AM – UF: *(No audio)*

10:09:11AM – UF: *Yeah, the Lancaster one is um, third-party information. We did have a, um, file come in for a residence just on Plains Road near Lancaster. Ah, said a woman was shot and another car with a window shot out – 1541 Plains Road. Both vehicles are pulled off to the side of the road.*

Plains Rd.
HWY 4
2896 HWY 4
1541 Plains Rd.
HWY 4
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Key Indicators Relevant to Sequence of Events

Broadcast from Cpl. Peterson

9:47:24 a.m.
April 19, 2020

911 call of Carole Fisher

9:48:49 a.m.
April 19, 2020

Dispatch advises SOC is at Fisher residence

9:50:18 a.m.
April 19, 2020

RCMP members and ERT stage

9:56 a.m.
April 19, 2020

TAV members advise "No police vehicle"

10:02:40 a.m.
April 19, 2020

Dispatch advises of additional shooting at Plains Road

10:07:53 a.m.
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