

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint under s 74 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010

BETWEEN

THE POLICE

Complainant

AND

THEO PETERS

Certificate Holder

HEARD

By Telephone on 13 July 2020

APPEARANCES

Sergeant J Kernohan – NZ Police
T Peters – no appearance

DECISION

[1] The Police laid a complaint against Mr Peters in 2018 after he was charged with sexual connection with a person under 16. After an initial hearing the complaint was put on hold until there was an outcome on the charges.

[2] On 22 June 2020 Mr Peters was convicted on two representative charges of sexual connection with a young person under 16 and meeting a young person after sexual grooming. He has been sentenced to pay \$2,000 reparation and to 10 months home detention.

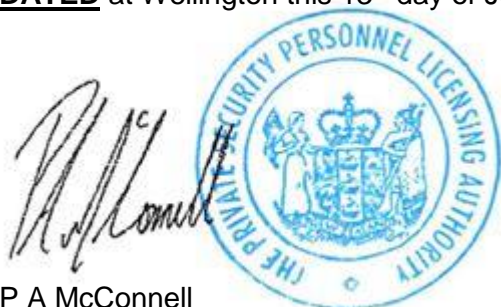
[3] These convictions are grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act and mandatory grounds for cancellation of a certificate under s 82 of the Act. Therefore, I must cancel Mr Peter's certificate of approval if I am satisfied that his convictions make him unsuitable to be a certificate holder.

[4] The victim of Mr Peters' offending was a pupil at a school where Mr Peters was working as a student teacher. His offending involved a serious breach of a position of trust and the responsibilities of his position. The nature and circumstances of his offending also means Mr Peters is unsuitable to be a certificate holder.

[5] I accordingly make the following orders:

- Mr Peters' certificate of approval is cancelled effective immediately.
- Mr Peters is to return his certificate / formal ID to the Authority or to the Police within seven days of this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act

DATED at Wellington this 13th day of July 2020



P A McConnell
Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority