

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A Complaint made by **THE POLICE**  
against **ANTHONY GILLESPIE** under s  
73 of the Private Security Personnel and  
Private Investigators Act 2010 (the Act)

**HEARD** by telephone on 1 September 2020

**APPEARANCES**

Senior Constable G Milford – NZ Police  
A Gillespie - No appearance

**DECISION**

[1] The Police have filed a complaint against Anthony Gillespie as they consider he is unsuitable to hold a certificate.

[2] The Police have had several interactions with Mr Gillespie this year. These include:

- On 17 February 2020 the Police executed a search warrant in relation to methamphetamine and cannabis dealing when the Police located electronic evidence connecting Mr Gillespie to illegal drug use with associates.
- On 2 August 2020 Mr Gillespie was trespassed from an orchard property where he was staying when he had no legal authority to do so. He returned to the property breaching the trespass order three times over the next few days. He is facing active trespass charges in court.
- On 8 August 2020 the Police were called to two family harm incidents involving Mr Gillespie at two separate addresses. Mr Gillespie has subsequently been trespassed from both properties to provide some protection to family members.
- On 14 August 2020 Mr Gillespie was caught shoplifting from the Warehouse in Dunedin. He was given a warning after paying for the goods and the Police took him to Mental Health Services for assessment.

[3] The Police advise that Mr Gillespie is closely associated with people dealing in illegal drugs. His family have confirmed that Mr Gillespie has a bad drug habit. He also appears to have an itinerant life style with no fixed address. The Police say that until Mr Gillespie can deal with his drug issues and find stable accommodation he is not suitable to be a certificate holder.

[4] Section 83(ab) of the Act states that it is grounds for a complaint, and discretionary grounds for cancelling a COA, if the holder is no longer suitable to carry on the class of business to which his certificate relates because of his character, circumstances or background. Mr Gillespie has not responded to the Police complaint and did not attend the hearing. He has provided no evidence that he has dealt with his drug addiction and he continues to demonstrate behaviour that is not appropriate for a certificate holder.

**Conclusion & Orders:**

[5] Based on the evidence before me I conclude that Mr Gillespie is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder and that it is appropriate to cancel his certificate. I therefore make the following orders:

- Mr Gillespie's certificate of approval is cancelled effective from the date of this order.
- Mr Gillespie is to return his certificate to the Authority within 7 days of receiving this order.

**DATED** at Wellington this 2nd day of September 2020

The seal is circular with a blue border containing the text "THE PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSING AUTHORITY". Inside the border is a central emblem featuring a crown atop a shield, flanked by two figures holding a banner.

P A McConnell  
**Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**