[2021] NZPSPLA 019 Case Number 004744 / 2016

IN THE MATTER OF

Complaint by the <u>POLICE</u> under s 74 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **MONNIER TIME**

HEARD at Auckland on 30 June 2021

APPEARANCES

Snr Constable C Thomas – NZ Police M Time – No appearance

DECISION

- [1] The Police have filed a complaint against Monnier Time because he has recently become a patched member of the King Cobras. The Police have provided a photograph of Mr Time wearing clothing that can only be worn by patched members of the King Cobras. They consider becoming a patched member of a gang such as the King Cobras means that Mr Time is no longer suitable to hold a certificate of approval and are asking that Mr Time's certificate be cancelled.
- [2] Section 83(ab) of the Act provides that it is discretionary grounds for the cancellation of a COA if the certificate holder is no longer suitable to carry on the class of business to which the COA relates because of the person's character, circumstances of background.
- [3] Detective Delamare provided written evidence that a gang member having a COA is of huge benefit to their gang as working in security at a bar or club can facilitate illegal activity as the establishment. Gang membership also conflicts with Mr Time's responsibilities as a certificate holder particularly when it requires working closely with the Police in keeping the peace and by assisting them in their investigations.
- [4] Having patched gang members working in security at clubs and pubs can also compromise the safety of their employers as well as the public due to the ongoing disturbances between the gangs in the city, including the King Cobras.

Conclusion and Orders

- [5] The Police have established that Mr Time is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder because he is a patched member of the King Cobras. I am therefore satisfied that his certificate should be cancelled. I make the following orders:
 - a) Mr Time's certificate of approval is cancelled effective from the date of this order.
 - b) Mr Time is to return his official ID to the Licensing Authority within seven days of his certificate of approval being cancelled. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.

DATED at Wellington this 2nd day of July 2021

P A McConnell

Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority