

IN THE MATTER OF

Complaint by The Police under s 74 of
the Private Security Personnel and
Private Investigators Act 2010 against
LOGOVA ASIATA

DECISION

- [1] Logova Asiata holds a Certificate of Approval (“COA”) in the classes of personal guard, crowd controller and property guard that is valid until 17 April 2024.
- [2] The Licensing Authority has recently been advised that since being granted his COA Logova Asiata has been convicted of rape and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Both the rape conviction and the prison sentence are grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act.
- [3] In addition, s 71(1)(b) of the Act requires a certificate holder to advise the Authority if any grounds for disqualification apply to them after their COA has been issued. Failure to do so is a breach of the Act which could amount to misconduct. Mr Asiata has made no such disclosure.
- [4] Further, Mr Asiata wrongly declared in his application for a COA that he had no convictions. Providing a false statement in his application for a certificate is also a breach of the Act and a discretionary ground for cancellation of Mr Asiata’s COA.
- [5] Accordingly, on 1 February 2022 the Authority directed that despite having grounds for disqualification applying to him, Mr Asiata was able to apply for waiver of the grounds for disqualification, however he must do so by 16 February 2022.
- [6] The Authority also directed that the complaint against Mr Asiata was to be heard by way of a telephone hearing at 9:00 am today. Mr Asiata was advised that if he wanted to defend the complaint or apply for waiver of the grounds for disqualification, he must attend the telephone hearing.
- [7] Mr Asiata has not applied for a waiver within the timeframe directed, nor did he attend the hearing. Therefore, on the information available to me I do not consider Mr Asiata suitable to hold a COA given the grounds for disqualification that apply to him. Accordingly, the complaint is upheld and Mr Asiata’s COA is cancelled, effective immediately.
- [8] A copy of the decision is to be sent to both parties and published on the Licensing Authority’s website.

DATED at Wellington this 24th day of February 2022



K A Lash
Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority