

**IN THE MATTER OF**

Complaint by The Police under s 74 of  
the Private Security Personnel and  
Private Investigators Act 2010 against  
**TOBIAS JAMES SHERIDAN**

**DIRECTIONS**

- [1] Tobias James Sheridan holds a certificate of approval (COA) in the class of crowd controller that is valid until 1 February 2023. On 30 August 2021 Mr Sheridan's COA was suspended as he was facing charges of assault due to repeatedly punching a patron he was attempting to remove from his place of work.
- [2] The Police lodged a complaint against Mr Sheridan on the grounds that he is guilty of misconduct pursuant to s74(4)(d) of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010. Mr Sheridan completed diversion in relation to this offence therefore the charges against him were dismissed, however the Police maintain the complaint due to the nature of the offence.
- [3] On 17 March 2022 a telephone hearing was held which Constable Meier on behalf of the Police attended. Mr Sheridan was given due notice of the hearing and advised that he must attend the hearing if he opposes the complaint and wishes to maintain his COA. However unfortunately Mr Sheridan did not attend the hearing.
- [4] Misconduct in the course of working as a security officer is a discretionary ground for the cancellation of a COA. Given the evidence provided I am satisfied that Mr Sheridan is guilty of misconduct. As he has not attended the hearing nor provided any other submissions in support of maintaining his COA, on the information available to me, I cannot be satisfied that he is any longer suitable to be a security worker.
- [5] Accordingly, the complaint is upheld and Mr Sheridan's COA is cancelled, effective immediately.
- [6] A copy of the decision is to be sent to both parties and published on the Licensing Authority's website.

**DATED** at Wellington this 17th day of March 2022



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**Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**