

IN THE MATTER OF

Complaint by **BRETT JOHN WILSON**
under s 74 of the Private Security
Personnel and Private Investigators Act
2010 (the Act)

AGAINST

JEROME MALCOLM KINIWE TEKEETI

Respondent

DECISION

- [1] Brett Wilson was granted leave to file a complaint against Jerome Tekeeti on 18 March 2022. He says that Mr Tekeeti is guilty of misconduct because he stole from his company when he was under their employ as a security guard. In particular he used the company fuel card to steal fuel to the value of \$1,891.54. Mr Wilson says that Mr Tekeeti admitted the theft but did not take ownership of the dishonest nature of his behaviour. He also gave evidence that Mr Tekeeti had falsified his work records at various times. Mr Tekeeti subsequently resigned.
- [2] Mr Tekeeti currently holds a certificate of approval (COA) in the classes of crowd controller, document destruction agent, personal guard and property guard that is valid until 8 November 2026.
- [3] On 18 March Mr Tekeeti was directed to respond to the complaint within 15 working days. The complaint was set down for an audio-visual hearing today. Mr Wilson attended the hearing however Mr Tekeeti did not and attempts to contact him were unsuccessful.
- [4] Having heard the evidence I am satisfied that Mr Tekeeti has engaged in misconduct in the course of his work. Stealing from an employer and falsifying records is clearly misconduct and he undertook this behaviour on a number of occasions.
- [5] Being found guilty of misconduct in the course of security employment is a discretionary ground for the cancellation of a COA pursuant to s83(e) of the Act. I am satisfied that the nature of the misconduct, being dishonesty, and Mr Tekeeti's lack of involvement in this process demonstrates that Mr Tekeeti is no longer suitable to hold a COA. Accordingly, Mr Tekeeti's COA is cancelled, effective immediately.
- [6] A copy of this decision is to be provided to the parties and published on the Authority's website without redaction.

DATED at Wellington this 2nd day of May 2022



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Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority