

IN THE MATTER OF

Complaint by The Police under s 74 of the Act against **GURJIT DHILLON** under the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010

DECISION

- [1] Gurjit Singh Dhillon holds a Certificate of Approval (COA) in the classes of crowd controller, property guard and personal guard that is valid between 26 September 2018 and 26 September 2023.
- [2] In February 2020 the Police laid a complaint against Mr Dhillon as he had been charged with sexual offences. A conviction on any of those charges would have been grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act. Given the seriousness of the charges faced, Mr Dhillon's COA was suspended on 21 February 2020 and the complaint was put on hold pending an outcome on the criminal charges.
- [3] Mr Dhillon has recently been acquitted on those charges. The Police however continued with an amended complaint as they advise that while Mr Dhillon was on bail for the above charges he was charged and convicted of assault on a person in a family relationship. This conviction is grounds for disqualification under s 62(f)(vii) of the Act and therefore a mandatory ground for cancellation of Mr Dhillon's certificate of approval.
- [4] The Police complaint was heard by VMR hearing today. Mr Dhillon was provided with notice of the time and date of the hearing and told that if he wanted to defend the complaint or apply for waiver of the grounds for disqualification, he must attend the hearing. However, made no contact with the Authority and did not attend the hearing.
- [5] At the hearing Senior Constable Stringer outlined the Police concerns to Mr Dhillon holding a COA given he was convicted of assault on 23 February 2022, he breached bail twice, he has an outstanding fines warrant and the particular circumstances surrounding the initial charges outlined above.
- [6] Given Mr Dhillon did not attend the hearing to apply for a waiver of the conviction he now has that is a ground for disqualification from holding a COA, on the information available to me I cannot be satisfied that he is any longer suitable to be a security worker. Accordingly, his COA is cancelled, effective immediately.
- [7] A copy of this decision is to be distributed to the parties and published on the Licensing Authority website.

DATED at Wellington this 5th day of May 2022



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Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority