

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **ETUATE TUANAKI**

HEARD by way of a virtual hearing on 8 September 2022

APPEARANCES

Snr Constable A Tangney for NZ Police
E Tuanaki – no appearance

DECISION

[1] The Police have filed a complaint against Etuate Tuanaki on the grounds that he is no longer suitable to be a security worker because of his character, circumstances or background. Mr Tuanaki wrongly gave his security badge to a third party to enable that person to work as a security guard. Working in security without a current ID badge is a breach of the Act.

[2] Being no longer suitable to be a security worker is a ground upon which a complaint can be made under s 74 of the Act and discretionary grounds for the cancellation of the person's certificate of approval.

[3] Mr Tuanaki has neither responded to the police complaint nor provided any explanation for his behaviour. Mr Tuanaki wrongly gave his security ID to a third party and assisted that person in breaching the Act. The police have been unable to contact Mr Tuanaki and he has not been in contact with the Authority. Therefore, we do not know whether the ID badge has been returned to Mr Tuanaki or whether he has continued to allow other people to use his security ID.

[4] Based on the information before me I conclude that Mr Tuanaki is no longer suitable to be a security worker. He is also guilty of misconduct by aiding and abetting another person to breach the Act.

[5] Mr Tuanaki's certificate of approval is accordingly cancelled effective immediately.

[6] If Mr Tuanaki wants to reapply for a certificate of approval in the future, he will need to provide evidence that he has learnt from his mistakes as well as supporting references to establish that he is again suitable to be a responsible security worker.

DATED at Wellington this 9th day of September 2022



P A McConnell

Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority