[2021] NZPSPLA 036

IN THE MATTER OF The Private Security Personnel and

Private Investigators Act 2010

AND

IN THE MATTER OF Complaint by The Police under s 74 of

the Act against **MARK MANI**

HEARD by telephone on 28 June 2022

APPEARANCES

Sgt D Gallagher – NZ Police Mr Mani – no appearance

DECISION

- [1] In May 2022 Mark Mani was convicted of doing an indecent act and sentenced to community detention and intensive supervision and ordered to pay reparation. The offending occurred while Mr Mani was working as a security guard.
- [2] Being convicted of doing an indecent act is grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act and a mandatory ground for cancellation of Mr Mani's certificate of approval. The conduct which resulted in his conviction also amounts to misconduct which a discretionary ground for cancelling Mr Mani's certificate.
- [3] Mr Mani has not applied for waiver of disqualification and did not attend the hearing. The victims of Mr Mani's offending were teenagers, and he was working in security at the time. The nature and circumstances of Mr Mani's offending means that he is not a fit and proper person to hold certificate. I also note that he has previously been convicted of assault with intent to rape.
- [4] I am satisfied that 1 or more grounds of disqualification apply to Mr Mani and because of this he is no longer suitable to hold a certificate. Mr Mani's certificate of approval is accordingly cancelled effective immediately.

DATED at Wellington this 29th day of June 2022

P A McConnell

Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority