

IN THE MATTER OF

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

HEARD virtually on 21 December 2022

APPEARANCES

J Dignon – complainant

M Wells – no appearance

DECISION

[1] Jean Dignon has filed a complaint against Matthew Wells as he considers Mr Wells is no longer suitable to be a security worker. Mr Wells used to work for Mr Dignon's security company, but they needed to dismiss him because he was causing so much trouble both at work and around town.

[2] Mr Dignon advises that Mr Wells was a wonderful man and a good worker. However, he has become increasingly mentally unwell to the point of being delusional and this appears to have been made worse by drugs and alcohol. Mr Dignon advises he would be willing to re-employ Mr Wells once he has addressed his current issues. However, he considers there is a considerable risk to the public if Mr Wells were to work in security before he is well again.

[3] Based on the information before me I am satisfied that Mr Wells is no longer suitable to be a security worker given his recent behaviour and the current state of his mental health. Being no longer suitable to be a security worker is a discretionary ground for the cancellation of Mr Well's certificate of approval.

[4] It is unlikely that Mr Wells will have received the appropriate diagnosis and treatment to a point where is well again by the time his certificate of approval is due to expire early next year. Therefore, I consider the appropriate outcome is the cancellation of Mr Wells certificate of approval.

[5] This will not prevent Mr Wells from applying for a new certificate in the future once he can show that he has been appropriately assessed, is mentally stable and is complying with any medication and treatment regime prescribed or recommended by health professionals.

Summary and Orders

[6] Mr Wells is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder because of his recent behaviour and health issues. I therefore make the following order:

- a) Mr Wells certificate of approval is cancelled, effective immediately.

DATED at Wellington this 22nd day of December 2022



P A McConnell

Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority