

IN THE MATTER OF

Complaint against **RAY SINGH & 24/7 SECURITY GUARDS & PATROLS NZ LIMITED** made under s 73 & 74 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010

DECISION

[1] In July 2019 I referred a complaint against Ray Singh and his company 24/7 Security Guards & Patrols NZ Limited to the Complaints Investigation and Prosecution Unit (CIPU) for investigation. I also suspended the company's licence. Mr Singh had only ever held a temporary COA which expired on 20 June 2019.

[2] CIPU have completed their investigation and issued a report. In relation to the issues they were asked to investigate they have concluded:

- The only officer of 24/7 Security Guards and Patrols Limited was Ray Singh.
- Mr Singh has neither the training nor experience to qualify for a COA or for 24/7 Security Guard and Patrols Limited to qualify for a company licence.
- It is most likely that 24/7 Security Guards & Patrols Ltd never operated as a company. It was removed from the Companies Register on 21 December 2020.
- Payments owing to 24/7 Security Services Ltd were paid to the liquidator of that company and not into the bank account for 24/7 Security Guards and Patrols Ltd.

[3] The complaint has accordingly been established to the extent that it is accepted Mr Singh does not have the training or experience to either run 24/7 Security Guards and Patrols Ltd or for that company to qualify for a licence. In addition the purpose in establishing 24/7 Security Guards and Patrols Ltd was to provide a vehicle for one or more of the people involved in 24/7 Security Services Ltd (in receivership) to continue to provide security services.

[4] Given these conclusions, I make the following orders:

- 24/7 Security Guards and Patrols Limited's company licence is cancelled effective immediately.
- Ray Singh's application for a certificate of approval is declined.

[5] There are still open questions as to roles of Anil Singh, Neelam Singh and Manjinder Singh in the establishment of 24/7 Security Guards & Patrols Ltd and also their involvement with 24/7 Security Services Ltd. However they were not parties to this complaint and therefore it is not appropriate to address any concerns about their actions in the context of this complaint. The complaint is accordingly closed.

DATED at Wellington this 20th day of January 2021



P A McConnell
Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority