

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint made by the **POLICE**
under s 74 of the Private Security
Personnel and Private Investigators
Act 2010

AGAINST

WERNER FAAUMUUMU

Heard at Auckland on 20 April 2021

Attendances

N Stringer for NZ Police
W Faaumuumu – no appearance

DECISION

[1] The Police have laid a complaint against Werner Faaumuumu and are asking for his certificate of approval to be cancelled as they say he is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder.

[2] Since Mr Faaumuumu was granted his certificate of approval, he has been convicted on two charges of assault, both of which are grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act. In June 2020 Mr Faaumuumu was issued a formal warning after another assault. The only reason charges were not laid was because the victim did not want to press charges.

[3] In addition, last month Mr Faaumuumu posted a photograph on social media of a freezer holding Covid 19 vaccines where he was working as a security guard. The photograph was accompanied by a caption saying he was looking after the storage site followed by an anti-government rant which posed a risk to the storage facility.

[4] The photograph and post breached guidelines for security workers at the site and as a result Mr Faaumuumu is no longer engaged as a security worker by the security company. The Police also submit that Mr Faaumuumu's actions amount to misconduct while working as a security guard.

[5] As grounds for disqualification now apply to Mr Faaumuumu, s 82 of the Act states that I must cancel his certificate of approval if I am satisfied that he is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder. Based on the evidence provided I am satisfied that Mr Faaumuumu's certificate should be cancelled. Not only did he incur two disqualifying convictions in 2020, but I accept that posting the photograph of the site he was guarding and the accompanying caption amount to misconduct. In addition, on 1 April 2021 Mr Faaumuumu posted another inappropriate message relating his earlier post.

[6] I therefore make the following orders:

- a) Mr Faaumuumu's certificate of approval is cancelled effective from the date of this order.
- b) Mr Faaumuumu is to return his official ID to the Licensing Authority within 7 days of the date of this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.

DATED at Wellington this 21st day of April 2021

The image shows a handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'P A McConnell'. To the right of the signature is a circular official seal. The seal features a central coat of arms with a crown on top, flanked by two figures. The text 'THE PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSING AUTHORITY' is written around the perimeter of the seal.

P A McConnell
Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority