

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **SARAH-JANE ECKHOLD**

DECISION

[1] In May 2021 the Police laid a complaint against Sarah-Jane Eckhold as she had been convicted on drugs charges and was facing further charges which if they resulted in convictions would be grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act. Other than suspending Ms Eckhold's certificate of approval the complaint was put on hold until there was an outcome on the criminal charges.

[2] The police advise that Ms Eckhold was convicted of unlawfully carrying a firearm / offensive weapon on 9 November 2022 and sentenced to one year's supervision. This conviction is grounds for disqualification and therefore a mandatory ground for the cancellation of Ms Eckhold's certificate.

[3] However, Ms Eckhold's certificate of approval expired on 22 August 2022 and she has not applied to renew it. Therefore, although the complaint has been established, no further useful action can be taken against her. The complaint is accordingly closed.

[4] If Ms Eckhold applies for a new certificate in the future, her convictions will be considered when deciding whether it will be granted. Ms Eckhold will need to disclose her recent convictions in any new application and outline why she believes she is suitable to be a certificate holder despite her conviction history. These submissions should be supported by references, preferably from Ms Eckhold's employer or prospective security employer.

DATED at Wellington this 21st day of November 2022



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Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority