

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A Complaint by Police under s 74 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **JOSHUA LIAVAA**

**DECISION**

[1] Since being granted a certificate of approval as a security guard Joshua Liavaa has been convicted of unlawfully possessing a firearm and speaking threateningly. He was sentenced to 60 hours community work and 9 months supervision. The charges arose after Mr Liavaa threatened to shoot his partner in the head with a gun during an argument.

[2] Mr Liavaa's recent convictions are grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act. As this is a mandatory ground for the cancellation of Mr Liavaa's certificate of approval, police are asking for his certificate to be cancelled.

[3] Mr Liavaa has neither filed a response to the police complaint nor applied for waiver of the grounds for disqualification. In addition, he has not objected to the complaint being decided on the papers.

[4] Mr Liavaa's offending demonstrates an inability to control his temper and he has a history of resorting to threats and violence when provoked. These are not desirable characteristics of a security guard. I also note that Mr Liavaa's certificate of approval has been suspended since January 2021 and is due to expire later this year.

[5] Based on the information before me I am satisfied that grounds for disqualification now apply to Mr Liavaa and because of this he is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder.

[6] I therefore make the following orders:

- Mr Liavaa's certificate of approval is cancelled effective immediately.
- Mr Liavaa must return his official security ID to the Authority within seven days of receipt of this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.

**DATED** at Wellington this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023

  
P A McConnell  
**Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**

