

**IN THE MATTER OF** Objection by The Police under s53(3)  
of the Private Security Personnel and  
Private Investigators Act 2010  
against **PQ**

**HEARD** virtually on 4 May 2023

**APPEARANCES**

Sergeant Kernohan for NZ Police

Mr PQ

Mr Jk

Ms Jk

**DECISION**

- [1] PQ has applied for a certificate of approval (COA) in the classes of crowd controller, property guard and personal guard. He was granted a temporary COA on 17 March 2023 as he has no disqualifying convictions; see sections 60 and 62 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010.
- [2] The Police have objected to Mr PQ's application on the basis that he has previously been a patched member of the Mongrel Mob and may still be and/or may have gang affiliations.
- [3] A hearing was held to determine the objection. Mr PQ attended and was open, remorseful, and frank about his past, advising that he was previously a patched member of the Mongrel Mob which he was drawn into when he very young. He left in 2019/2020 at his own initiation, which resulted in risk to himself and his family. He says he has had no affiliation since that time. He regrets his past and is adamant he has no intention to revisit that life. He has children now that need his support.
- [4] Mr PQ is supported by his parents, in particular Mr Jk his father who holds an individual license as a security worker in the same classes. He trades under the name [redacted] and is currently employing Mr PQ as a static guard. Mr Jk confirms that he has not known Mr PQ to have had any gang affiliation since 2019. He says Mr PQ is an excellent worker and he is prepared to continue to employ him on a full-time ongoing basis. He says he closely supervises Mr PQ and is proud of the changes he has made in his life. Mr Jk is aware of the current increase in organised criminal organisations infiltrating the security industry and invested in ensuring that does not happen for his employees.
- [5] Sergeant Kernohan confirms his trust in Mr Jk and [redacted] as they are well known to him. He is concerned that Mr PQ not be drawn back into gang life but has no active objection to his COA being granted on conditions of the Authority.

[6] Having considered all the evidence provided to me, I am satisfied that it is established that Mr PQ is currently suitable to be a security worker. I accept his evidence that he has worked hard to change his life and has no interest in returning to gang life or maintain affiliation with anyone in that sector. I consider it reasonable that he be provided with this opportunity to establish and further his career in security. I place weight on the obvious support his parents provide him and faith they have in the changes he has made.

[7] Accordingly, I make the following directions:

[i] Mr PQ's COA is approved in the classes of crowd controller, property guard and personal guard.

[ii] Mr PQ's COA is to be subject to the following conditions:

- a. That he has no gang affiliation of any kind.
- b. That he not come to the negative attention of Police in any way.
- c. That his first year of work be actively supervised by an experienced COA or individual license holder.
- d. That he advise the Authority if he changes employer from Jk Security.

[iii] Should the Police consider Mr PQ has breached any of these conditions they may apply to the Authority for the immediate suspension of his COA.

[8] This decision is to be published however Mr PQ's name is to be redacted given the evidence tendered regarding the Mongrel Mob's response to his decision to leave their gang.

**DATED** at Wellington this 9th day of May 2023



K A Lash  
**Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**