

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **JOHN HOERA HETARAKA**

DECISION

- [1] John Hoera Hetaraka holds a Certificate of Approval (COA) in the classes of Crowd Controller, Property Guard and Personal Security Guard that is valid until 29 April 2024. His COA was suspended on 5 December 2022 when he did not respond to the Authority's directions after the Police had laid a complaint against him.
- [2] The Police complaint against Mr Hetaraka was on the basis of his historical disqualifying convictions and his recent guilty pleas to the charges of injures with intent to injure and threatens to kill.
- [3] The Police have now advised that Mr Hetaraka has been sentenced on the 'Injures charge', to 6 months Community Detention commencing 14/06/23. He has a curfew and has also received 9 months supervision. On the 'Threatening charge', he received 3 months Community Detention with a curfew.
- [4] As Mr Hetaraka has disqualifying convictions, on 22 June he was directed to respond to the complaint and explain why he considers himself suitable to work in security at this time despite his disqualifying convictions. He was advised that if he did not provide any response by 5 July 2023 his COA was likely to be cancelled.
- [5] Mr Hetaraka has not responded to the Authority. Accordingly, on the evidence available to me I cannot be satisfied that he is currently suitable to work in security. Therefore, Mr Hetaraka's COA is cancelled, effective immediately. Mr Hetaraka must return his identification badge to the Authority immediately.
- [6] A copy of this decision is to be provided to the parties and published on the Authority's website.

DATED at Wellington this 6th day of July 2023



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Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority