

IN THE MATTER OF A complaint against **TYRIN**
HAMUERA TUTAKI and LOSS
PREVENTION SERVICES regarding
the Private Security Personnel and
Private Investigators Act 2010

DECISION

- [1] On 26 September 2021 Madena Pedofski made a complaint to the Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority (the Authority) regarding Tyrin Tutaki and his employer Loss Prevention Services.
- [2] The complaint was that Mr Tutaki was employed as a security guard without holding the required certificate of approval (COA) to do so and was working as a security guard whilst being on the sex offender's register. The complaint was also that Loss Prevention Services did not have a company license and was employing Mr Tutaki knowing his background.
- [3] The complaint was referred to the Complaints, Investigation and Prosecution Unit (CIPU) for investigation and possible prosecution in 2021 as neither Mr Tutaki nor Loss Prevention Services held the appropriate COA or company licence to work in security.
- [4] CIPU have clarified that the Loss Prevention Services complained against is actually Loss Prevention Specialists (LPS). LPS does not have a company license and is not a registered company.
- [5] CIPU's investigation and report were delayed considerably due to COVID10 lockdowns and staff resourcing. As a result, their report was only provided to the Authority in June 2023.
- [6] Following the release of the report, Mr Tutaki has applied for a COA and Ms Stewart the COA holder previously trading as LPS has applied for an individual license to trade as LPS. Both applications have been set down for hearing before the Authority.
- [7] Due to the passage of time Ms Pedofski's complaint will not be further progressed. However, the concerns raised, in particular with respect to Mr Tutaki's conviction and the unlawful working of Mr Tutaki, Ms Stewart and LPS will be considered in the hearing of the related applications and a general complaint on the basis of the CIPU report will be determined. Ms Pedofski is thanked for bringing the issues to the Attention of the Authority.

[8] A copy of the CIPU report is to be released to Ms Pedofski however is not to be disseminated by her any further. To be clear, the CIPU report is not to be provided to any other persons or published. Further, the CIPU report is to be redacted to the extent that information irrelevant to Ms Pedofski's claim is to be omitted.

[9] This decision is to be published on the Authority's website.

DATED at Wellington this 7th day of August 2023

A blue ink handwritten signature is written over a circular official seal. The seal features a central crest with a crown and two figures, surrounded by the text 'THE PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSING AUTHORITY' and a small star at the bottom.

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Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority