

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **IQBAL SINGH**

**HEARD** virtually on 22 September 2023

**ATTENDANCES**

Snr Constable S Su for NZ Police

I Singh – no appearance

**DECISION**

[1] In September 2022 police made a complaint against Iqbal Singh as he had been charged with several offences. Other than suspending Mr Singh's certificate of approval the complaint was put on hold until there was an outcome on the charges. While on bail on the initial charges Mr Singh drove with excess breath alcohol, refused an officer's request to give blood and failed to answer court bail.

[2] On 16 August 2023 Mr Singh was convicted of driving with excess blood alcohol, disorderly behaviour, resisting police, indecent act with intent to insult, assault, and refusing an officer's request for blood. Mr Singh was sentenced to one years intensive supervision and on the drink driving charge was disqualified from driving indefinitely.

[3] The assault, indecent act, and disorderly behaviour convictions as well as the sentence of indefinite disqualification from driving are grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act. They are therefore mandatory grounds for cancelling Mr Singh's certificate of approval provided I am satisfied that because of his convictions Mr Singh is not suitable to be a security worker.

[4] Security guards are required to work cooperatively with the police. Mr Singh's offending demonstrates hostility towards police and a repeated failure to comply with their legitimate instructions or requests. Based on the evidence before me I am therefore satisfied Mr Singh is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder.

[5] I make the following orders:

- a) Mr Singh's certificate of approval is cancelled with immediate effect.
- b) Mr Singh is to return his Security ID to the Licensing Authority within 7 days of receipt of this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.

**DATED** at Wellington this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023

The image shows a handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'P A McConnell'. To the right of the signature is a circular official seal. The seal features the coat of arms of New Zealand in the center, surrounded by the text 'THE PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSING AUTHORITY' in a circular border.

P A McConnell

**Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**