

IN THE MATTER OF A complaint by the **POLICE** against
JESSE RANUI pursuant to section
74(1) of the Private Security
Personnel and Private Investigators
Act 2010

DECISION

- [1] Jesse Ranui initially applied for a Certificate of Approval (COA), in the classes of crowd controller, document destruction agent, personal guard and property guard in May 2023. The Police objected to his application on the basis of recent convictions for failing to comply, wilful damage, resists Police, escapes Police and shoplifts. They also objected as he has disqualifying convictions being convictions for dishonesty and violence in the preceding 7 years and had been sentenced to imprisonment in the past.
- [3] On the basis of evidence and submissions by Mr Ranui, including support from his security trainer and evidence he was actively seeking help, his COA was granted on conditions. The conditions were as follows and it was clearly directed that if he breached them, the Police were entitled apply for immediate suspension of his COA:
- (a) That he not come to the negative attention of Police.
 - (b) That he work with Police in his security roles.
 - (c) That any security employer he has is to be provided with a copy of this decision.
- [4] The Police subsequently filed a further complaint against Mr Ranui and applied to immediately suspend or cancel his COA on the basis that he was recently convicted on a further charge of wilful damage and sentenced to come up if called upon within 6 months.
- [5] Mr Ranui had previously assured the Authority that he was dedicated to doing better for himself and his family and sought a second chance. That chance was provided to him, however he has, within months, offended again. This calls into question the submissions he made and accordingly whether he is suitable to work in security at this time.
- [6] On the basis of that information, on 14 September Mr Ranui's COA was suspended. He was directed to file submissions regarding why his COA should not be cancelled given this offending and whether he opposed a decision on this matter being made in the absence of a hearing. Mr Ranui was directed to respond by 18 September and told that if he did not comply with this timeframe a decision would be made on the papers and his COA may be cancelled.
- [7] Mr Ranui has not responded to the Authority in line with the most recent directions. Given this failure and the fact that Mr Ranui has obtained a further disqualifying

conviction within months of assuring the Authority that he was of suitable character to work in security, I consider it appropriate to cancel his COA.

[8] Accordingly Mr Ranui's COA is cancelled effective immediately. If he has not returned his identification badge to the Authority, he must do so now. If he is to apply again in the future for a COA, he should address the recent Police complaint in doing so and advise why he did not comply with the Authority's directions.

[9] This decision is to be published without redaction.

DATED at Wellington this 6th day of October 2023

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

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Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority