

[2023] NZPSPLA 070

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint made under s 74 of the
Private Security Personnel and
Private Investigators Act 2010

AGAINST

SESE VIMAH

Certificate holder

DECISION

- [1] Sese Vimahi's certificate of approval (COA) was suspended by Authority direction on 15 December 2021. This was because the Police laid a complaint advising that Mr Vimahi was then facing 13 drug charges including participating in an organised criminal group and importing class A controlled drugs.
- [2] In 2021 the Police complaints Mr Vimahi was facing were put on hold until the charges had been resolved. At that time Mr Vimahi was in custody.
- [3] The Police have recently advised that Mr Vimahi's charges will not be before the court again until April 2024. Given this extended timeframe, on 9 October Mr Vimahi was directed to advise the Authority whether he wished the Police complaint to be dealt with by way of hearing. He was advised that if he did not respond by 18 October a decision would be made on the evidence available to the Authority at that time. Mr Vimahi has not responded to the Authority's directions.
- [4] The charges Mr Vimahi is facing are extremely serious and if convicted will be convictions that disqualify him from holding a COA. Mr Vimahi has not engaged with the Authority since prior to these charges being laid and has not complied with the Authority's directions.
- [5] Accordingly, on the information available to me at this time, I do not consider Mr Vimahi suitable to hold a COA. His COA is therefore immediately cancelled, and he must return his identification card to the Authority immediately.
- [6] This decision is to be published without redaction as there is no information that Mr Vimahi is subject to any suppression orders of the District Court.

DATED at Wellington this 27th day of October 2023



K A Lash
Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority