

**IN THE MATTER OF**

An application for a Certificate of Approval by **STEVEN SETU** under the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010

**DECISION**

[1] Steven Setu applied for a certificate of approval (COA) in December 2020. He failed the criminal history check and police objected to his application because they did not consider he was suitable to be a responsible security worker because of his conviction history and on character grounds.

[2] I adjourned Mr Setu's application and set various conditions he needed to meet for his COA to be granted. However, prior to Mr Setu meeting all those conditions I received information to suggest that he had been unlawfully working as a security guard on an altered ID issued to another security worker.

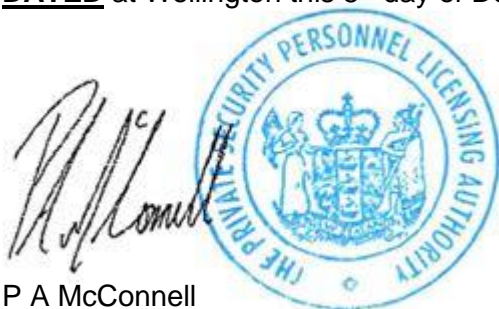
[3] I accordingly referred Mr Setu to the Complaints Investigation and Prosecution Unit (CIPU) for investigation and put his application on hold until the investigation was complete. On 25 October 2023 Mr Setu was convicted of dishonestly using a document, using a forged document and an offence under s 44(2) of the PSPPI Act following a CIPU prosecution. These convictions disqualify Mr Setu from holding a COA under s 62 of the PSPPI Act.

[4] Mr Setu was asked to provide a response outlining why he considered he was suitable to be a security worker despite his recent convictions together with supporting references. He has neither provided a response nor asked for further time to do so.

[5] I am satisfied that Mr Setu's recent convictions together with his history of failing to comply with court-imposed sentences and sanctions establishes that he is not suitable to be a responsible security employee.

[6] Mr Setu's application for a certificate of approval is accordingly declined.

**DATED** at Wellington this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023



P A McConnell  
**Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**