

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 (the PSPPI Act) against **JORDAN JANSON**

**HEARD** virtually on 11 December 2023

**APPEARANCES**

Senior Sergeant H Knight for NZ Police  
Jordan Janson, certificate holder

**DECISION**

[1] Police are asking for Jordan Janson's certificate of approval to be cancelled as they consider he is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder. Police advise that since Mr Janson was granted a security certificate, he has repeatedly come to their attention for anti-social and criminal behaviour as well as concerning mental health episodes.

[2] Police outline 9 occasions between 21 August 2021 and 4 October 2023 where Mr Jansen has failed to cooperate and been aggressive or abusive to police, made threats to members of the public, family members or politicians, or behaved in a way that raised concerns about his mental health. Following one occasion when Mr Janson was in possession of an air rifle and reportedly threatening to stab relatives, he was detained under Section 109 and transported to Wellington hospital for assessment.

[3] On 28 June 2022 Mr Janson was stopped for speeding and became abusive to the constable who stopped him and then drove away. Later in the day after being released from custody he threw a rock at the police station. He was subsequently convicted of failing to remain stopped and wilful damage. In November 2022 Mr Janson was convicted of wilful trespass and failure to comply with a Police Safety Order.

[4] Mr Janson is currently on bail for threatening to kill / do grievous bodily harm, refusing to give identity particulars to police, and failing to carry out obligations in relation to computer search charges relating to events on 3 and 4 October 2023. When arrested he refused to be photographed or supply his fingerprints and other information he was legally required to provide. He was also abusive towards the police.

[5] The only written response Mr Janson filed within the timetable set was an email stating he did not consent to unlawful laws imposed by an illegal government and a copy of an emblem headed 'Practical Lawful Dissent' which set out a version of Article 61 of the Magna Carta.

[6] The weekend before the hearing Mr Janson sent in some further emails. The first stated "A lot of false unproven information supplied by police, breach of police code of conduct also official health and safety and breach of private confidential information, defamation." It then went on to outline some of the things he considered were police failings.

[7] In a further email he asked for a video recording of the hearing and stated "I just need all the details from this hearing. As the 7th was the last day police could give evidence. I am

letting you know I will be attending and that I do not consent to unlawful laws imposed by a corrupt weak Nazi like Government”.

[8] At the hearing Mr Janson blamed everything on the unlawful government and the Covid Lock downs and associated restrictions and vaccine mandates. He appeared to accept some details of the police evidence but then dismissed it all as lies. He alleged police were corrupt and acting unlawfully and he was not bound by unlawful laws made by an unlawful government. He quoted Article 61 of the Magna Carta as a mantra to support his submission that all he was doing was practicing lawful dissent.

[9] Based on the evidence provided by police and Mr Janson’s conduct at the hearing I accept that he has repeatedly failed to cooperate with the police, is frequently aggressive and abusive towards them, refuses to comply with lawful requests and considers he is not bound by laws or rules he does not agree with or chooses not to follow.

[10] Mr Janson’s antipathy towards police and the Licensing Authority continued right throughout the hearing. Mr Janson only joined the hearing through an audio link and refused my request to turn on his camera. He advised “I don’t have to” and “you can’t make me”.

[11] Mr Janson frequently refused to answer questions or responded with an irrelevant diatribe against police, the previous government, and other authorities which he refused to recognise as having any validity. He was rude and at times abusive towards Sergeant Knight and on occasions the Licensing Authority. At times his language came close to threatening. He advised justice was going to rain down on police and that he would be suing Police and the PSPLA in tort in the High Court.

[12] Security guards are often required to work cooperatively with the police and are required to comply with the law and the provisions of the PSPPI Act. Mr Janson’s open hostility towards police and his continuing insistence that he is bound to disobey Acts, Statutes and Legislative Laws establishes he will not do this. I therefore conclude that Mr Janson is no longer suitable to be a responsible security employee.

[13] Being no longer suitable to carry on the business to which his certificate relates is a discretionary ground for the cancellation of Mr Janson’s certificate under s 83(ab) of the PSPPI Act. Section 81(1)(c) of the Act says that instead of cancellation I can make other orders including suspending his certificate, ordering Mr Janson to undertake further training, impose conditions on his certificate, reprimand Mr Janson or impose a fine of up to \$2,000.

[14] In determining the appropriate penalty, I need to consider the gravity of Mr Janson’s conduct, the impact of any penalty and any other relevant factors in relation to Mr Janson’s competency, experience, and character.

[15] Mr Janson is not currently working in security and has no specific plans to return to security work. He advises he is on a benefit and is most likely not in the position to pay a fine. It is also extremely unlikely that he would pay a fine or comply with any training requirements or other directions if they were to be ordered. Although he was recommended to do so, Mr Janson did not provide any supporting references from previous employers or others who are respected in his community to establish his competency or experience as a security worker.

[16] After considering all the information before me relating to Mr Janson's character, conduct, circumstances, and background I conclude the appropriate penalty is the cancellation of Mr Janson certificate of approval.

### **Summary & Orders**

[17] Based on the evidence before me I am satisfied that Mr Janson is no longer suitable to be a responsible security guard. I therefore order that Mr Janson's certificate of approval is cancelled effective from the date of this order.

**DATED** at Wellington this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 a central coat of arms with a crown on top, surrounded by the text 'THE PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSING AUTHORITY' in a circular border.

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