

IN THE MATTER OF

A complaint filed by Police against **ROMERO-JONATHAN FENTON** under s 74 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 (the Act)

HEARD virtually on 7 February 2024

APPEARANCES

Sgt I Ngatai for NZ Police
R Fenton – no appearance

DECISION

[1] Police have applied to cancel Romero-Jonathan Fenton's certificate of approval as he has been convicted of assault. This conviction is an offence of violence and is therefore a disqualifying conviction under s 62(f)(vii) of the Act.

[2] Mr Fenton neither attended the hearing nor applied for waiver of the grounds for disqualification. Section 82 of the Act states that it is a mandatory ground for cancelling Mr Fenton's certificate if I am satisfied that grounds for disqualification apply to him, and because of this Mr Fenton is not suitable to be a certificate holder.

[3] Mr Fenton's conviction resulted from him beating up a person he did not know when he was drunk. He also has a conviction for driving with excess breath alcohol and has come to police attention on at least one other recent occasion after acting aggressively when drunk. If Mr Fenton wants to work in security, he must address his issues with alcohol and learn to control his temper.

[4] Based on the evidence before me I am satisfied that Mr Fenton has a disqualifying conviction, and because of this he is unsuitable to be a certificate holder. I therefore make the following orders:

- Mr Fenton's certificate of approval is cancelled effective from the date of this order.
- Mr Fenton must return his Security ID to the PSPLA within 7 days of receipt of this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act for which he could on be fined.

DATED at Wellington this 8th day of February 2024

The block contains a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'P A McConnell'. To the right of the signature is a circular official seal. The seal has a blue border with the text 'THE PRIVATE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSING AUTHORITY' in capital letters. Inside the circle is a royal coat of arms featuring a crown on top, two lions on the sides, and a shield in the center.

P A McConnell
Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority