

IN THE MATTER OF

Complaint by Police against **BIANCA THOMAS**
under s 74 of the Private Security Personnel and
Private Investigators Act 2010 (the Act)

HEARD remotely on 16 February 2024

ATTENDANCES

A Wainwright for NZ Police
B Thomas – no appearance

DECISION

[1] Police have made a complaint against Bianca Thomas as she has recently been convicted of possession of an offensive weapon, wilful damage, and assault. The assault and offensive weapon convictions are grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act and therefore a mandatory ground for the cancellation of Ms Thomas's certificate.

[2] Police also advise that Ms Thomas is facing charges of shoplifting, threatening to kill and breaches of the conditions of her supervision sentence. If convicted on these charges it will be further grounds for disqualification.

[3] Ms Thomas neither attended the hearing nor made any written submissions in response to the complaint.

[4] Ms Thomas is still serving a sentence of supervision following her recent convictions. She has breached the conditions of that sentence and is facing further charges of dishonesty and violence. She failed to appear in court on some of those charges and a warrant was issued for her arrest. This was cancelled when she fronted up to court and she has again been remanded on bail.

[5] Police have established that one or more grounds for disqualification under s 62 of the Act apply to Ms Thomas, and I am satisfied that because of this she is no longer suitable to be a certificate holder.

[6] I therefore make the following orders:

- Ms Thomas's certificate of approval is cancelled effective immediately.
- Ms Thomas must return her Security ID badge to the PSPLA within seven days of receipt of this order. Failure to do so is an offence under the Act.

DATED at Wellington this 16th 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' around the top and '1992' at the bottom. In the center of the seal is the Royal Coat of Arms of New Zealand.

P A McConnell
Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority