

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A complaint under s 74 of The Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 against **REBECCA RAWINIA TEREKIA**

**HEARD** virtually on 14 March 2024

**APPEARANCES**

Senior Constable Minchin for the Police  
Detective John Scott observing

**DECISION**

- [1] Rebecca Rawinia Terekia holds a Certificate of Approval (COA) in the classes of Crowd Controller, Property Guard and Personal Security Guard that is valid until 15 November 2026.
- [2] The Police have laid a complaint against Ms Terekia as she has come to their attention on several occasions since she obtained her COA in 2021. In particular, the Police are concerned about the following:
  - [a] On 16 August 2023 a search warrant was executed at Ms Terekia's home during which she was agitated and aggressive to the extent that she was arrested and formally warned for obstruction.
  - [b] During the search, drug paraphernalia and stolen items were apprehended. Other members of the household were dealt with by Police with respect to those.
  - [c] Ms Terekia's long term partner is a fully patched Black Power member.
  - [d] In April 2023 she was convicted of driving with excess breath alcohol and her driver's license was suspended.
  - [e] In June 2022 Ms Terekia was served with a PSO after an incident where she was aggressive to family members and then Police.
  - [f] She was involved in a family harm incident where alcohol was a contributing factor in September 2023.
  - [g] In December 2023 a warrant for her arrest was issued due to her failure to attend court on a further excess breath alcohol charge. Two subsequent warrants for her arrest have been issued and one is currently active.
- [3] The Police consider Ms Terekia is not currently suitable to work in security given their recent interactions with her, particularly when she has consumed alcohol.
- [4] Ms Terekia did not attend the hearing nor provide good reason for her failure. She had submitted in her original documentation that she would like to continue to hold her COA as she is a good security worker. She also filed character references from previous security colleagues.

- [5] Ms Terekia has disqualifying factors pursuant to section 62 of the Act in that she has previously been imprisoned. If she is convicted of her current charge, she may also have a further disqualifying factor pursuant to section 62(e) of the Act if she is disqualified from driving under section 65 of the Land Transport Act 1998.
- [6] Pursuant to section 82 of the Act, if after hearing a complaint made to the Authority, I find that Ms Terekia has one or more grounds for disqualification and is no longer suitable to hold a COA, I must cancel her COA.
- [7] The issues relating to her character and suitability to work in security therefore must be considered. Of particular concern is the way she interacted with Police whilst they were attending her home in August 2023. It is essential that security workers have a good relationship with Police and be able to work cooperatively with them. Of further concern are the warrants for arrest Ms Terekia has been issued with as this indicates a lack of regard for the courts and authority.
- [8] The fact that in Ms Terekia's home stolen goods were located as well as methamphetamine and cannabis, alongside her partner's gang status, are further factors of concern if Ms Terekia is working as a security guard. The two lives appear incongruous, and I do not have sufficient evidence available to me to allay those concerns. I also accept the Police concerns relating to Ms Terekia's use of alcohol.
- [9] Given the above and that she did not attend the hearing today, I find that Ms Terekia is no longer suitable to hold a COA, and accordingly I cancel her COA, effective immediately.
- [10] Ms Terekia should return her identification badge to the Authority immediately. Any further application for a COA Ms Terekia makes should include a response to these matters alongside an explanation as to why she did not attend the hearing.
- [11] A copy of the decision is to be sent to both parties and is to be published on the Licensing Authority's website without redaction.

**DATED** at Wellington this 14th day of March 2024



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**Deputy Private Security Personnel Licensing Authority**