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Permanent Ban for Security Agent

A security agent who failed to disclose serious criminal offending has been permanently banned from working in the security industry.

Aleksander Zmuda of Salisbury Heights had his security and investigations agent's licence cancelled by the District Court and has been permanently disqualified from holding a licence again.

Zmuda was also prohibited from being employed as or performing the functions of a security agent or from being the director of a body corporate that is an agent.

Submissions were made detailing Zmuda's criminal history which included importing prohibited weapons, possessing and producing cannabis, driving without a driving licence, driving an unregistered vehicle, driving with excess blood alcohol, hoon driving, loitering and possessing an unregistered weapon, building breaking and felony and damaging property.

When renewing a security agents licence applicants must disclose if they have been convicted of, or charged with, a criminal offence (other than a minor traffic offence). Zmuda did not disclose his importation offence to the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs (OCBA) until nearly two years after his conviction.

Judge Lovell remarked that Zmuda had "an overwhelming case against him" and that he "is not a person to be trusted with a licence."

Commissioner for Consumer Affairs David Green says ongoing background checks of licensed security agents means that those who try to lie about past criminal convictions will likely be caught.

"Security industry members are very well aware of the tough stance my Office takes in enforcing the law and removing individuals from the industry who are not fit and proper."

"Anyone who tries to fly under the radar by not disclosing their criminal convictions is warned that it's only a matter of time before they're caught."