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**Subject:** Re: Licensed driver application

Hello Shaun  
Statements as requested

To Torbay Licensing Committee.

I am writing to you to in response to my license not being granted due to a conviction I received on 03/02/22 for an offence committed on 25/10/21.

Although the particular offence of "Battery" is not on your list of offences to prohibit a license being granted, it has been explained to me that the reason is because of the aggressive nature of the incident.

I hope that if I give an explanation regarding the background of the events that took place you may reconsider.

First I'd like to tell you a little about myself; I am a 42 year old father of two. I have held a door supervisor badge for 3 years, working alongside the police on many occasions to keep the public safe. In the role I have not received a single complaint. I am trying to maximise my earning potential to provide the best life I can for my two children and I saw that obtaining my taxi badge along with my work ethic would help me achieve this.

Regarding the incident in question I hold my hands up to acting in an inappropriate manner. I took a matter in to my own hands that should have been dealt with by the police. The man I had the altercation with had been terrorising our town for years, using weapons to threaten and intimidate people. I had, had words with him and when it escalated I was also threatened with a knife. Due to the fact there were many other people present and there was a dangerous weapon involved instead of just reporting it, I took it upon myself to try and deescalate the situation, something I now hugely regret and have learned from. True to form the male persisted to come into the venue he had been continuously terrorising, waving a 13 inch machete around (this was reported to the police and he was issued a warning). I would like to make it known that the court decided to charged me with the least punishable offence they possibly could due to circumstances and I was allowed to keep my SIA license as I personally was not considered a threat.

In conclusion I really hope that now I have explained the circumstances and reasons for my conviction you would reconsider my application and help me to move forward with a career that I know will help me to do the best I can for my family.

Thank you very much for taking the time to listen.

Kind regards.

Scott Hannaford-Hill