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CRICKET DISCIPLINE COMMISSION

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Cricket Discipline Commission revise life ban on Lou Vincent

The Cricket Discipline Commission (CDC) has revised the life ban imposed in June 2014 on former New Zealand international Lou Vincent. The full wording of the decision can be found below.

Lou Vincent

In June 2014, former New Zealand international cricketer Mr Lou Vincent received 11 life time bans excluding him from participation in cricket in any capacity. The sanctions, accepted by Mr Vincent, were an inevitable and

appropriate result of the match fixing episodes in which Mr Vincent had been involved.

Following an application by Mr Vincent in August 2023, Gerard Elias CBE KC on behalf of the Cricket Discipline Commission, has decided to revise the life ban imposed in June 2014 on Mr Vincent, so that he is now permitted to participate and be involved in cricket matches at or below the level of domestic cricket with immediate effect.

This decision was reached following careful consideration of the specific circumstances of Mr Vincent's case and the supporting evidence and representations from a number of major cricket stakeholders including the International Cricket Council, New Zealand Cricket and the England and Wales Cricket Board and a host of others.

Revision of a sanction such as this requires the most cogent and compelling reasons for so doing. The factors to be taken into account include those in Article 6.8.2 of the ECB Anti-Corruption Code. In this regard, Mr Vincent's application is supported by the most powerful and compelling evidence demonstrating the very highest levels of contrition and remorse and the very best efforts to make amends wherever possible.

In particular, this decision was taken in the light of Mr Vincent's conduct following his sanction, namely:

- full and frank admissions and the fullest disclosures;
- immediate and total co-operation with cricket and civil authorities in various parts of the world; and
- participation in anti-corruption education programmes for New Zealand Cricket and the ECB.

I am satisfied that these factors justify an amelioration of the original sanction at this time.

Statement of Gerard Elias CBE KC, 8th December 2023

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