

Police-reform advocate summoned into court

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An outspoken advocate of police reform in NSW, Dirk Nierop, is to appear in a Sydney court house in October on a charge which he says may have been "trumped up" against him.

Nierop, a government-employed security guard and former hotel bouncer, is the author of an outspoken internet site called "NSW Police State" at <http://www.nswpolicestate.com/>.

On this web site he claims he has been the victim of corruption within the police force.

"I just can't help feeling that this charge may have been trumped up against me to keep me quiet," he says.

Nierop, 48, of Allambie in Sydney, has been summoned to appear in Waverley Local Court on the 2nd of October, 2009, at 9.30 am charged with working as a security guard without a relevant licence.

He has been charged by NSW Police under the Security Industry Act with carrying on a security activity without the security licence at Doncaster Hotel in Kensington on October 21, 2007.

His plea of not guilty to this charge was entered at the court on May 19, 2009.

He allegedly was acting as a crowd controller at the time of the alleged offence.

Police charged him and fined him \$5,500, a fine which he has not paid.

Nierop was convicted in the District Court Sydney in 2007 of assaulting Shane Bullock at Collaroy on April 9, 2006.

Then he was acting as a security supervisor at the Surf Rock Hotel in Collaroy when Bullock was a patron of the hotel.

The court found Nierop guilty of occasioning actual bodily harm but not guilty of maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm with intent.

Nierop was convicted of the assault on February 23, 2007, but this offence was dismissed by the court on May 8, 2007, and no conviction was recorded.

He is employed as a security officer by the NSW Government.