



**Court of Magistrates (Malta)
As a Court of Criminal Judicature**

Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.

Today, the 3rd of October, 2016

**The Police
(Inspector Jonathan Cassar)**

vs

Sheriffo Kinteh

The Court,

Having seen the charges against Sheriffo Kinteh holder of Italian Identity Card No AV6921922 and Italian Travel Document for Refugees No MC0002711;

Charged him with having on the 1st October, 2016 on the Maltese Islands:

Imported or caused to be imported or having taken any steps preparatory to importing any dangerous drug (Cannabis Resin) into Malta against the provisions of The Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta

Had in his possession (otherwise than in the course of transit through Malta of the territorial waters thereof) the resin obtained from the plant Cannabis, or any other preparation of which such resin formed the base, in terms of Section 8(a) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, which drug was found under circumstances denoting that it was not intended for his personal use.

Having seen that the defendant admitted the charges brought against him, and that he confirmed this admission of guilt even after having been given time to reconsider his plea.

Having seen the documents filed by the prosecuting officer.

Having heard the submissions regarding the penalty to be meted out.

Having considered

That defendant admitted the charges brought against him; these are consequently sufficiently proven.

With regards to the penalty to be meted out the Court took into consideration the nature of the offences of which the defendant is being found guilty, his cooperation with the investigating officer, his admission at the earliest stage of these proceedings and his clean conviction sheet.

Wherefore the Court, after having seen sections 7 and 8(a) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds defendant guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to three (3) years imprisonment and to a fine of five hundred Euros (€500). The Court is ordering the destruction of the substance exhibited (Doc JC7) under the supervision of Registrar of this Court.

DR. DOREEN CLARKE
MAGISTRAT