



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)  
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

**Magistrat Dr. Monica Vella LL.D., M.Jur**

**The Police  
(Ins. Darren Buhagiar)  
vs  
Itohan Osemwengie**

**Today 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

The Court;

Having seen the accusations brought against **Itohan Osemwengie**, holder of Nigerian passport bearing number A0387943;

Charged with having on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 or previous days in these islands or somewhere else, forged, altered or tampered with two documents, being an Italian identity card bearing number AT1859951 and an Italian residence permit card bearing number IO560155 or used or had in her possession same documents, which she knew to be forged, altered or tampered with (Chap. 61, Sec. 5 of the Laws of Malta);

Further having on same date, time and circumstances committed any other kind of forgery, or have knowingly made use of any

other forged documents mentioned above at Malta International Airport (Chap. 9, Sec. 189 of the Laws of Malta);

Further having on same date, time and circumstances forged any document or true copy of a document or an entry made in pursuance of this act (Chap. 217, Sec 32 (1d) of the Laws of Malta);

Having seen all documents exhibited by the Prosecution;

Having seen all acts in these proceedings;

Having explained to the accused the charges against her;

Having heard the accused plead guilty to said charges in today's sitting, and this in the presence of defence counsel Dr. Martin Fenech, thus upon such guilty plea the Court can only find the accused guilty as charged;

Having warned the accused of the legal consequences of such guilty plea and having given the accused further time to reconsider her guilty plea and having heard the accused reconfirm her guilty plea and thus said guilty plea was registered in the acts of today's sitting;

Having heard the Prosecution declare that the accused came to Malta to meet her boyfriend and that her original identification documents were stolen and that she had applied to renew them in Italy where she is legally resident;

Having heard the Prosecution declare that they had verified that a renewal application is in process and that the prosecution has a copy of such renewal application;

Therefore,

The Court, after having seen Article 5 of Chapter 61, Article 189 of Chapter 9 and Article 32 (1d) of the Laws of Malta hereby finds the accused guilty as charged and condemns the accused, upon the application of Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, to six months imprisonment suspended for two years and orders that the accused be detained by the Police until such time as the necessary arrangements are made for the repatriation of the accused to Italy.

The Court explained the content and implications of the judgement to the accused who declared to have understood them.

*(ft) Magistrate Dr. Monica Vella LL.D., M.Jur*

(ft) Angelo Buttigieg

Deputy Registrar