



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

Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.

Today, 19th of May, 2017

**The Police
(Inspector Silvio Magro)**

vs

Nigel Frank Lawless

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The Court,

Having seen the charges against Nigel Frank Lawless, and holder of United Kingdom Passport bearing number 504555308.

Charged with having on the 18th of May, 2017 between 18:00 and 18:30 at the Samsonite Shop in the Malta International Airport committed theft of two branded purses to the detriment of VF Group for the total amount of less than two thousand, three hundred and twenty nine euros and thirty seven cents which theft is aggravated with time and amount.

The Court was requested in pronouncing judgment or any subsequent order to order the payment of the costs incurred in connection with the employment of experts as per article 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen the consent of the Attorney General for this case to be tried summarily and that the defendant had no objection to the case being so tried.

Having seen that the prosecuting officer withdrew the aggravating circumstance of time in the charge brought against defendant.

Having seen that the defendant admitted the charge of theft aggravated by value, and that he confirmed this admission of guilt even after having been given time to reconsider his plea.

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

Having seen the acts of the proceedings.

Having considered.

That defendant admitted the charge brought against him, that is theft aggravated by value of the thing stolen; this is consequently sufficiently proven.

With regards to the penalty to be meted out the Court took into consideration the nature of the offence of which defendant is being found guilty, his cooperation with the police, his admission at the earliest stage of the proceedings and the fact that the stolen items were recovered.

Wherefore the Court after having seen sections 216(c) and 267 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds guilty of the charge brought against him, that is theft aggravated by value of the thing stolen, and condemns him to five months imprisonment which by application of section 28A of the same Chapter 9 are being suspended for a period of eighteen months.

The Court explained to the defendant in ordinary language the significance of this judgement and of the consequences should he commit an other offence in the abovementioned time period.

DR DROEEN CLARKE
MAGISTRATE