



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

MAGISTRATE NATASHA GALEA SCIBERRAS B.A., LL.D.

Today: 17th July 2017

**The Principal Immigration Officer
(Inspector Mario Haber)**

vs

Abdulai Alhassan

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against Abdulai Alhassan, 30 years, Ghanian national, son of Abdulai and Aysiha, born in Tamali, Ghana on 2nd March 1987, with no identification and no address in Malta;

Charged with having on 16th July 2017 and in the previous days in Malta:

While having in his possession passports issued by a competent authority, that is Italian Alien's Passport bearing number MD 0022829, issued in the name of Abdallah Shaibu, had transferred this document to another person, or received this document which was transferred to him by another person (Chapter 61, Sec 3 of the Laws of Malta);

Also with having on the same date, time and circumstances made use or attempted to make use of passport, issued to another person, that is the mentioned document (Chapter 61, Sec 4 of the Laws of Malta);

Also with having on the same date, time and circumstances made false return, false statement or false representation to the Principal Immigration Officer (Chapter 271, Sec 32(1c) of the Laws of Malta).

Having seen the records of the case;

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought against him, which plea was confirmed by the accused even after the Court, in terms of Section 453(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, warned him of the legal consequences of such plea, and allowed him sufficient time to reconsider his reply and retract;

Having heard final oral submissions by the parties about the punishment to be inflicted.

Considered that:

In view of the guilty plea filed by the accused, the Court cannot but find him guilty of the charges brought against him.

For the purpose of the punishment to be inflicted, the Court took into account the early guilty plea filed by the accused, that he cooperated with the police during its investigation and, on the other hand, the serious nature of the offences with which he is charged.

Conclusion

For these reasons, the Court, after having seen Sections 17(b) and (h) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, Section 32(1)(c) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta and Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta, finds the accused guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to five (5) months effective imprisonment.

Natasha Galea Sciberras
Magistrate