



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

**Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.**

**Today, the 12th day of March, 2018**

**The Police  
(Inspector Elton Taliana)  
(Inspector Christina Delia)**

**vs**

**Albertus Johannus Leonard Springer**

The Court

Having seen the charges against the said Albertus Johannus Leonard Springer and holder of passport number NP304K2R6;

Charged with having on the 27th of February, 2018 and in the previous days from Birkirkara and other localities around Malta, together with other person/s:-

1. Committed the theft of a vehicle of make Peugoet with registration number ZAM 106, to the detriment of Carmel Zammit which theft is aggravated by amount that exceeds the value of two thousand and three hundred and twenty nine euros and thirty seven cents (€2,329.37) and the nature of the thing stolen;
2. Committed the theft of a vehicle of make Peugoet Part Com with registration number IBC 643 to the detriment of Joseph Pisani which

- theft is aggravated by amount that exceeds the value of two thousand and three hundred and twenty nine Euros and thirty seven cents (€2,329.37) and the nature of the thing stolen;
3. Committed the theft of a mobile phone and a wallet which theft exceeds two hundred and thirty two Euros and ninety four cents (€232.94) but does not exceed two thousand and three hundred and twenty nine Euros and thirty seven cents (€2,329.37) which theft is aggravated by amount and by time to the detriment of Kimberly Caruana;
  4. Committed the theft of two mobile phones which theft does not exceed two hundred and thirty two Euros and ninety four cents (€232.94) which theft is aggravated by time to the detriment of Raymond Saliba;
  5. The intent to commit a crime of theft and having manifested such intent by overt acts which were followed by a commencement of the execution of the crime which crime is aggravated by value that exceeds two hundred and thirty two Euros and ninety four cents (€232. 94) but does not exceed two thousand and three hundred and twenty nine Euros and thirty seven cents (€2,329.37) and by time to the detriment of Raymond Saliba and/or other persons.
  6. Committed a crime during the operative period of a suspended sentence of 6 months imprisonment suspended for one year, given on the 7th of February, 2018 by Magistrate Dr J Mifsud LL.D.
  7. Finally for being a recidivist after having been sentenced for an offence by judgment issued by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) presided by Magtistrat Dr Joe Mifsud on the 7th of February, 2018 which judgment has become absolute.

Having seen that during today's hearing held by this Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Inquiry the defendant admitted the charges brought against him and 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 the defendant admitted the charges brought against him; these are consequently sufficiently proven.

With regards the penalty to be meted out the Court took into consideration on the one hand the nature of the offences of which the defendant is being found guilty as well as the fact that he committed these present offences during the operational period of a suspended sentence, and on the other hand defendant's cooperation with the police and his admission at an early stage of the proceedings.

Wherefore the Court, after having seen sections 18, 28A, 28B, 41(1)(a), 49, 261(c)(f)(g), 267, 270, 271(g) and 289 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds defendant guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to three years imprisonment, and by application of section 28B(2)(b) of the said Chapter 9 is opting to extend the operational period of the judgement given on the 7th February 2018 whereby the defendant was given a suspended sentence of six months imprisonment for a further period of four years from today.

**DR. DOREEN CLARKE**  
**MAGISTRAT**