



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

Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.

Today, 5th May 2018

**The Police
(Inspector Matthew Spagnol)
VS
Eyob Melake Ecobagaber**

The Court,

Having seen the charges against Eyob Melake Ecobagaber, and holder of Identity Card number 113872A.

Charged him with having during the month of March 2018, in St Julians, through several acts committed by him, at different times, which constitute violations of the same provision of Law, and were committed in pursuance of the same design had in his possession (otherwise than in the course of transit through Malta of the territorial water thereof) the whole or any portion of the plant Cannabis.

Having seen the order of the Attorney General for these proceedings to be heard summarily by this Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Judicature.

Having seen that the defendant admitted the charge 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 charge brought against him; 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 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 section 18 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and section 8(d) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds defendant guilty of the charge brought against him whilst condemning him to a fine of five hundred Euros (€500), by application of section 22 of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta is discharging him on condition that he does not commit any other offence for a period of eighteen months. The Court is ordering the destruction of the substance exhibited as Doc MS8, under the supervision of Registrar of this Court.

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 period of eighteen months.

DR. DOREEN CLARKE
MAGISTRAT