

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

MAGISTRATE DR. CHARMAINE GALEA

Today the 15th June 2018

The Principal Immigration Officer (Inspector Frankie Sammut)

VS

Marina Bajic (Serbian Passport number 012487454)

The Court:

Having seen that the offender **Marina Bajic** was charged with having on the 15th June 2018 or previous months, in these Islands in order to gain any advantage or benefit for herself or others, in any document intended for any public authority, knowingly made a false declaration or statement or gave false information to the Airport Police (Chap. 9, Sec. 188 of the Laws of Malta);

And charged also with having on the same date circumstances, made or caused to be made any false return, false statement or false representation in relation to any information to be given under or for purposes of the Immigration Act (Chap. 217, Sec. 32 (1c) of the Laws of Malta).

After having seen all the records of the case;

After having heard the offender plead guilty to the charges at an early stage of the proceedings, which guilty plea was confirmed by the same offender after the Court, in terms of section 453 (1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of

Malta, warned her of the legal consequences of that guilty plea, and allowed her sufficient time to re-consider her reply, and to change it;

After having heard the oral submissions on the punishment;

Considered that:

From the evidence brought forward and from the guilty plea registered by the offender herself, the Court concludes that the offender is guilty of the charges laid against her.

As regards the punishment, the Court took into consideration the fact that the offender admitted to the charges at a very early stage of the proceedings and that she co-operated with the police and that she can be repatriated to Serbia immediately.

For these reasons, the Court, after having seen section 188 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and section 32 (1) (c) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta, on her admission finds offender guilty of the charges brought against her and condemns her to one (1) year imprisonment which by application of section 28A (1) of Chapter 9 is being suspended for a period of two (2) years from today.

In accordance with sections 28A (4) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court explained in clear and simple language the meaning of this judgement to the offender, and the consequences which would follow if she fails to abide by it, that is if she commits another offence which is punishable by imprisonment within the operative period.

Dr. Charmaine Galea Magistrate

Diane Gatt
Deputy Registrar