



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

**MAGISTRATE
DR. NEVILLE CAMILLERI B.A., M.A. (Fin. Serv.), LL.D.**

Sitting of the 21st. May 2019

**The Police
(Inspector Silvio Magro)**

vs.

Michael John Doyle

Case Number 311/2019

The Court,

After having seen the charges brought against the accused **Michael John Doyle**, British National, born on the 24th. of February 1965, in Clifton UK, son of Edmond & (l) Connie Camilleri, residing at 28, Hazelwood Road, Bristol, and holder of UK Passport 707816198,

charged with having, in the Malta International Airport and on these Islands, on the 20th. May 2019 at about 13:00 and in the preceding days, in Malta:

1. kept in any premises or had in his possession, under his control or carried outside any premises or appurtenances any firearm or ammunition listed in Schedule II, without a Commissioner of Police license (this in breach of Section 5(1) of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta);
2. without a license or permit from the Commissioner, tried to export from Malta a Beretta shotgun and a .22 Pistol (this in breach of Section 5(2) of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta).

The Court was requested, in case of a finding of guilt of the accused, apart from inflicting the punishment prescribed at Law, to order the forfeiture of all the objects exhibited in these proceedings.

Having examined all the documents forming part of the proceedings.

Having seen that the Attorney General gave his consent for this case to be tried summarily (Doc. "SM 6").

Having heard the accused plead guilty to all the charges brought against him, notwithstanding the fact that the Court in terms of Section 453(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta warned him in the most solemn manner of the legal consequences of his guilty plea after having given him sufficient time within which to reconsider and withdraw his guilty plea.

Considers

That, as a consequence of the admission of the accused of all the charges brought against him, the mentioned charges brought against the accused have been sufficiently proven.

With regards to the punishment to be inflicted against the accused, the Court will be taking into consideration various factors, including: the nature of the charges brought against the accused and the guilty plea of the mentioned charges at an early stage of these proceedings.

Therefore, the Court, after having seen and considered Articles 5(1) and 5(2) of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta finds the accused Michael John Doyle guilty of all the charges brought against him and condemns him to a period of seven (7) months imprisonment however, since the Court is of the opinion that there are sufficient reasons which warrant that the said term of imprisonment be suspended, in terms of Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, suspends the said term of seven (7) months imprisonment for a period of one (1) year from date of this judgment.

In terms of Section 28A(4) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta the Court has explained to the accused in plain language his liability under Section 28B of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta if during the operational period he commits an offence punishable with imprisonment.

Finally, the Court orders the forfeiture of the Beretta shotgun and .22 pistol which have been exhibited and marked as Doc. "SM 1" and Doc. "SM 2" during today's sitting.

Dr. Neville Camilleri
Magistrate

Ms. Alexia Attard
Deputy Registrar