



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)**  
**AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**  
**Magistrate Dr Simone Grech LL.D., M.Jur.**

**The Police**  
**(Inspector Lara Butters)**

**vs**

**David Matthew Griffin**

**Today, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

The Court;

Having seen the accusations brought against: David Matthew Griffen, 56 years old, Ireland Nationality, son of the late John Anthony and Eithne nee' Sharkey, born on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1962 in Galway presently without fixed address holder of Irish Passport number PR 1802322 and charge him with:-

On the date 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at about 02:15am at the Malta International Airport:

- (1) Entered with or without a vehicle, into any part of a restricted area of an airport, or an air navigation installation which does not form part of an airport (Chap 405, Sec 11(1)(a));
- (2) Also charged with having on same date, time and circumstances remained on any part of such a restricted area after being requested to leave by the

Head Aviation Security or the authority responsible for the air navigation installation or a person acting on behalf of that Head or Authority (Chap 405 Sec 11(1)(b));

- (3) Also charged with having on same date, time and circumstances, entered a restricted area without being in possession of a security pass or a temporary authorisation in writing issued by the Head Aviation Security (Chap 405, Sec 12(1)).

Having seen all documents exhibited by the Prosecution;

Having seen the records of the case;

Having heard the submissions made by the Prosecution and by the Defence;

Having duly considered all the records of the case and all submissions made;

Having explained to the accused the charges brought against him;

Having heard the accused plead guilty to said charges in today's sitting and this in the presence of Defence Counsel.

Having warned the accused of the legal consequences of such guilty plea and having given the accused further time to reconsider his guilty plea and having heard the accused reconfirm his guilty plea during his arraignment before this Court and thus said guilty plea was registered in the acts of today's sitting;

**Considers:**

That thus upon such guilty plea the Court can only find the accused guilty as charged;

That in pronouncing its judgement the Court is hereby taking into consideration the fact that the accused registered an early guilty plea, that the accused collaborated with the Police, the nature and gravity of the accusations with which he is charged;

Thus, the Court, after having seen Article 11(1a), Article 11(1b), Article 12(1) and Article 17 of Chap 405 of the Laws of Malta hereby finds the accused guilty as charged and condemns the accused to a term of imprisonment of two (2) years which by the application of Article 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta are being suspended for four (4) years.

The Court explained to the accused in simple and clear language his obligations arising out of this judgement and the consequences should he not abide by the said judgement.

Magistrate Dr Simone Grech LL.D., M.Jur

Dr Susan Cassar LL.B (Hons) , M.Adv

Deputy Registrar