



COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)
As a Court of Criminal Judicature

MAGISTRATE
Dr. Victor George Axiak LL.D. Dip. Tax

Sitting held on 1 June, 2020
Urgent Sitting

The Principal Immigration Officer
(Inspector Darren Buhagiar)

vs

Tony Idahosa

The Court,

1. Having seen the charges brought against Tony Idahosa of 42 years of age, a citizen of Nigeria, son of Kenny & Tina, born in Benin City on 23-03-1977, residing in Munich, Germany and holder of German residence permit bearing number J3076405:
 1. Charged with having on 8th February 2020 or previous days somewhere in these islands or somewhere else, forged, altered or tampered with a document, being a false Nigerian passport, false Italian identity card and a false Italian residence permit card or used or had in his possession same documents, which he knew to be forged, altered or tampered with (Ch. 61, Art 5);

2. Charged with having on same date, time and circumstances committed any other kind of forgery, or have knowingly made use of any other forged documents mentioned above at Malta International Airport (Chap. 9, Sec. 189);
 3. And also charged with having on same date, time and circumstances forged any document or true copy of a document or an entry made in pursuance of this act (Chap. 217, Sec. 32 (1)(d)).
2. Having seen the documents exhibited in the acts of the case.
 3. Having seen that during the sitting held on 1 June 2020, the accused admitted the charges brought against him and that he reiterated such admission after the Court gave him an opportunity to retract it.

Considered

4. That with regard to the penalty to be meted out the Court took into consideration the nature of the offences of which the defendant is being found guilty and the fact that the accused cooperated with the Police and registered an early admission. The Court also took into consideration the fact that the accused seemed genuinely remorseful of his actions and that he apologised in open court. In these circumstances the Court feels that it would be appropriate to impose the minimum term in terms of law.

Decide

5. **For these reasons, the Court having seen the relevant articles of the law (Ch. 61 Art. 5, Ch. 9 Art. 189, Ch. 217 Art. 32(1)(d)) finds the defendant guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to six (6) months imprisonment from which there should be deducted the period spent under preventive arrest.**

Dr. Victor George Axiak
Magistrate

Mario Azzopardi
Deputy Registrar