



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

Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.

Today, the 25th of July, 2020

**The Police
(Inspector Anthony Scerri)**

vs

Matijevic Dodre

The Court,

Having seen the charges against Matijevic Dodre, 29 years of age, son of Milan and Gordana nee Babic, born in Serbia on the 24/01/1991, and residing No 4, Strawberry Crt, Triq Innocenz Zammit, Msida, and holder of Serbian Passport No 014254022.

Charged with having in these islands on the 23th July 2020 and during the previous days and months had in his possession (otherwise than in the course of transit through Malta of the territorial waters thereof) the whole or any portion of the plant Cannabis in terms of Section 8(d) of the Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta

The Court was requested, in the event of guilt, in addition to the penalties established by Law, to order also the confiscation of all exhibited objects.

The Court was also requested to apply Section 533(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, as regards to the expenses incurred by the Court appointed Experts.

Having seen the order of the Attorney General issued in terms of section 22(2) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta 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 offences of which the defendant is being found guilty, his cooperation with the investigating officer, and his admission at the earliest stage of these proceedings, the amount of substance found in his possession and his clean conviction sheet.

Wherefore the Court, after having seen section 8(d) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta and the regulations of Legal Notice 292 of the year 1939, on his admission finds defendant guilty of the charge brought against him and condemns him to a **fine of one thousand Euros (€1,000)** which is to be paid within six months.

The Court is also ordering **the destruction of the objects exhibited Doc JS6, Doc JS7 and Doc JS8**, once this judgement becomes final and definitive, under the supervision of the Registrar, who shall draw up a proces verbal documenting the destruction procedure. The said proces verbal shall be inserted in the records of these proceedings not later than fifteen days from the said destruction

DR. DOREEN CLARKE
MAGISTRAT