

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 Oriana Spiteri) vs Helmut Georg Heimerdinger

The Court,

Having seen the charges against Helmut Georg Heimerdinger, 76 years of age, of German nationality, son of Gerharg and Liselotte nee' Fahr, born in Gottingen, on the 23rd of January, 1944 and residing at 93, Spinola Road, St Julians and holder of German passport bearing number C4CT8JTZ7 and Maltese residence permit 161821A.

Charged with having in these islands on the 24th of July, 2020 at about 12.15hrs at the Malta International Airport, Gudja failed to delcare to the Commissioner for Revenue, that he was carrying a sum equivalent to Euro 10, 000 or more in cash whilst leaving Malta, in breach of Article 3 of Legal Notice 285 of 2020 (Cash Controls Regulations 2020) of the External Transactions Act (Chapter 233 of the Laws of Malta).

The Court was requested, in pronouncing judgment or in any subsequent order, to sentence the person convicted, to the payment, wholly or in part, to the Registrar, of the costs incurred in connection with the employment in the proceedings of any expert or referee, within such period and in such amount as shall be determined in the judgment or order, as per section 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen the consent of the Attorney General issued in terms of Regulation 3(6) of Legal Notice 285 of the year 2020.

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 offence of which the defendant is being found guilty, his cooperation with the investigating officer, and his admission at the earliest stage of these proceedings.

Wherefore the Court, after having seen Regulation 3 of Legal Notice 285 of the year 2020, on his admission finds defendant guilty of the charge brought against him and condemns him to a fine of fourteen thousand two hundred and eleven Euros and forty five cents ($\in 14,211.45$) and to an other fine of fifty Euros ($\in 50$) which fines are to be paid within thirty days.

DR. DOREEN CLARKE MAGISTRAT