



THE COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)

As a Court of Criminal Judicature

MAGISTRATE

DR. CAROLINE FARRUGIA FREUDO

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The Police

Inspector Darren Buhagiar

vs

Artur Abazi

Today 24th September, 2019

The Court:

Having seen the charges brought against Artur Abazi, holder of Maltese identity card number 222346A and Albanian passport bearing number BG2449271;

And charged with having on 23rd September 2019 or previous days somewhere in these islands or somewhere else, forged, altered or tampered with a document, being a false Bulgarian identity card or used or had in his possession same document, which he knew to be forged, altered or tampered with (Chapter 61, Sec. 5 of the Laws of Malta);

And charged also with having on same date, time and circumstances committed any other kind of forgery, or had knowingly made use of any other forged document mentioned above at Malta International Airport (Chapter 9, Sec. 189 of the Laws of Malta).

And charged also 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(1d) of the Laws of Malta).

Having seen the Prosecuting Officer read out and confirming on oath the charges brought against the accused during the sitting of the 24th September, 2019.

Having seen all the documents exhibited in this case which are; the statement of the accused marked as Doc DB1, forfeiture of legal advice marked as Doc DB2, conviction sheet marked as Doc DB3, photocopy of the identity card of the accused marked as Doc DB4, photocopy of the passport of the accused marked as Doc DB5.

The Court heard the accused register a guilty plea;

The Court has given the accused sufficient time to reconsider such guilty plea, has ordered the accused to consult with his lawyer of such guilty plea, and has explained the punishment that may be given in relation to the charges brought against his. The accused confirmed his guilty plea.

The Court:

Has listened to the evidence brought forward;

Has listened to the pleas made by both defence and prosecution.

Decide:

The Court, with respect to the charges brought against the accused **Artur Abazi**, is taking into consideration the guilty plea entered by the accused at a very early stage of the proceedings.

After having seen the Article at law namely, Article 5 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta, Article 9 of Chapter 189 of the Laws of Malta and Article 32(1)(d) of Chapter 217 of the

Laws of Malta , finds the accused **Artur Abazi**, guilty of the charges brought against him upon his own guilty plea and condemns him to a period of six (6) months imprisonment.

Dr. Caroline Farrugia Frendo LL.D.
Magistrate

Nadia Ciappara
Deputy Registrar