



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)  
AS COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

**Magistrate Dr. Monica Vella LL.D., M.Jur**

**Police  
(Inspector Godwin Scerri)**

**vs**

**Soogesh Kumar Go Paul**

**Compilation number 302/2020**

**Today, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

The Court;

Having seen the accusations brought against:

**“Soogesh Kumar Go Paul**, holder of Maltese identification document number 127031A.

And accuse him of having:

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2020, during the early hours of the morning, at Flat number 5 ‘Sunny Flats’, Prehistory Street, in Xemxija, St

Paul's Bay, without the intent to kill or to put the life of Disha Go Paul in manifest jeopardy, caused the mentioned slight bodily harm as certified by Dr Victoria Cremona med reg 6084 in breach of Articles 221(1), 222(1)(a) of Chapter 9 and Chapter 581 of the Laws of Malta.

And caused him of having on the same date, time and circumstances used violence, including moral and, or, psychological violence, and, or coercion, in order to compel Disha Go Paul to do, suffer or omit anything or to diminish such other person's abilities or to isolate that person, or to restrict access to money, education or employment in breach of Article 251 et of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

And accuse him of having on the same date, place, time and circumstances uttered insults or threats against Disha Go Paul in breach of Article 339(e) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court is also being requested to provide the needed security of Disha Go Paul even during the initial proceedings in terms of Article 412C of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.”

Having seen the consent of the Attorney General for this case to proceed summarily;

Having heard the witnesses brought before it;

Having seen all documents exhibited by the Prosecution;

Having seen all the records of the case;

Having seen the guilty plea registered by the accused in the sitting of the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020;

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 seen that the case was put off for judgement for today;

Having heard the accused confirm his guilty plea in today's sitting;

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 in today's sitting and thus said confirmation of guilty plea was registered in the acts of today's sitting, the 09<sup>th</sup> December 2020;

Considers:

That in view of the guilty plea registered by the accused, the Court finds that the Prosecution has proved its case beyond reasonable doubt and that upon such guilty plea therefore, the Court finds the accused guilty as charged.

That in the sitting of the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020 the injured party, the accused's wife, declared that she is no longer interested in these proceedings, that she forgives her husband and that she only wants protection so that this incident does not repeat itself.

That the parties do not reside together anymore.

That the accused collaborated with the Police, that the accused registered a guilty plea, that the accused has a clean conduct sheet, and that the parties have settled the matter which gave rise to these proceedings.

**Decide:**

The court, therefore, after having seen Article 251 A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and Article 7 of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta puts the accused under a Probation Order in terms of Article 7 of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta for a period of two years from today, and having seen Article 412C of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court is also issuing a Protection Order in favour of Disha Go Paul for a period of three years from today.

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.

**(ft) Magistrate Dr. Monica Vella LL.D., M. Jur.**

(ft) Angelo Buttigieg  
Deputy Registrar