

IN THE COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA) AS COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE

MAGISTRATE DR. CHARMAINE GALEA

Today, 13th of January 2021

Case number 19/2021CG

The Police (Inspector Roderick Spiteri)

vs.

Amadou Conteh (ID: 45633A)

The Court,

Having seen that the defendant **Amadou Conteh** was charged with having on these Maltese Islands, during the period between the 5th of January 2021 and the 9th of January 2021, with several acts committed even if at different times and that constitute violations of the same provision of the law and in pursuance of the same design:

On the 5th of January 2021 between 06:00 in the morning (6:00am) and 08:00 in the morning (8:00am) wilfully spoiled, damaged or injured to or upon any movable or immovable property, damages which amount to excess of two thousand and five hundred euro (€2,500), at the detriment of the executives of Blueprint Periti, Mark Camilleri of Birkirkara, and/or any other entity and/or any other person;

- 2) Additionally, on the 9th of January 2021 between 06:00 in the morning (6:00am) and 08:00 in the morning (8:00am) wilfully spoiled, damaged or injured to or upon any movable or immovable property, damages which amount to excess of two thousand and five hundred euro (€2,500), at the detriment of the executives of Blueprint Periti, Mark Camilleri of Birkirkara, and/or any other entity and/or any other person;
- 3) And finally, on the 9th of January 2021 between 11:30 in the morning (11:30am) and 1:30 in the afternoon (1:30pm) wilfully spoiled, damaged or injured to or upon any movable or immovable property, damages which amount to excess of two thousand and five hundred euro (€2,500), at the detriment of the executives of Blueprint Periti, Mark Camilleri of Birkirkara, and/or any other entity and/or any other person;

The Court was asked to in case of guilt issue a protection order so as to provide for the safety of the injured person or of other individuals or for the keeping of the public peace or for the purpose of protecting the injured person or other individuals from harassment or other conduct which will cause a fear of violence, against the accused as per Art 412C of Cap 9 of the Laws of Malta in favour of the executives of the Company Blueprint Periti, Mark Camilleri of Birkirkara and his family members;

The Court was asked to in case of guilt, pronounce judgment or in any subsequent order, sentence Amadou Conteh 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, as per Art 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court was finally asked to in case of a guilty verdict besides pronouncing judgment or in any subsequent order, sentence the person convicted, take into account Article 15A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

After having seen all the records of the case;

After having heard the defendant plead guilty to the charges at an early stage of the proceedings, which guilty plea was confirmed by the same defendant after the Court, in terms of section 453 (1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, warned him of the legal consequences of his guilty pleas, and allowed him sufficient time to re-consider his reply, and to change it;

After having heard the oral submissions on the punishment;

Considered that:

From the evidence brought forward and from the guilty plea registered by the defendant, the Court concludes that the defendant is guilty of the charges brought against him.

As regards the punishment, the Court took into consideration the fact that the defendant admitted to the charges at a very early stage of the proceedings, that he co-operated with the police and is ready to make up for the damages caused to the injured party.

DECIDE

For these reasons, the Court after having seen sections 18 and 325 (1) (a) of the Criminal Code, on his admission finds defendant **Amadou Conteh** guilty of all the charges brought against him and condemns him to two (2) years imprisonment which by application of section 28A (1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta are being suspended for a period of three (3) years from today. In terms of section 28H of the Criminal Code the Court orders Amadou Conteh to pay Mark Camilleri the sum of four thousand, two hundred and forty-two euros (€4,242) within six (6) months from today.

The Court is also issuing a Protection Order in favour of Mark Camilleri and Anthony Cortis, which Protection Order forms an integral part of this judgement.

In accordance with sections 28A (4) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court explained in clear and simple language the meaning of this judgement to the defendant, and the consequences which would follow if he fails to abide by it, that is if he commits another offence which is punishable by imprisonment within the operative period.

Dr. Charmaine Galea Magistrate

Diane Gatt Deputy Registrar