

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

MAGISTRATE DR. CHARMAINE GALEA

Today, 29th of April 2021

Case number 262/21 CG

The Police (Inspector Godwin Scerri)

VS.

Alice Mary Regan (ID: 39249A)

The Court,

Having seen that the defendant **Alice Mary Regan** was charged with:

- 1. Having in the months of March and April 2021, in these Islands, together with another person, committed several acts, in different times and circumstances with such acts constituting to the violations of the same provisions and in pursuance of the same designs by means of any unlawful practice, or by the use of any fictitious name, or the assumption of any false designation, or by means of any other deceit, device or pretence calculated to lead to the belief in the existence of any fictitious enterprise or of any imaginary power, influence or credit, or to create the expectation or apprehension of any chimerical event, to the detriment of Marstin Gauci, Karen Borg and other persons, in breach of Article 18, 42, 308, 310 (c) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.
- 2. And also of having on these Islands, during the same months and same circumstances, together with another person, to the prejudice of any other person, any other fraudulent gain to the detriment of Marstin Gauci, Karen

Borg and other persons in breach of Articles 18, 42, 309, 310(1)(c) of Chapter of the Laws of Malta.

The Court was requested that if the accused is found guilty, condemns the same 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 in terms of Article 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

After having seen all the records of the case;

Having seen that the Prosecution withdrew its first charge;

Having heard the accused pleading guilty to the second charge brought against her, 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 her of the legal consequences of her guilty plea, and allowed her sufficient time to re-consider her 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 second charge brought against her;

As regards the punishment, the Court took into consideration the fact that the defendant admitted to the second charge at a very early stage of the proceedings and that she has a clean criminal conviction sheet.

DECIDE

For these reasons, the Court after having seen sections 18, 42, 309 and 310 (1) (C) of the Criminal Code, on her admission finds defendant **Alice Mary Regan** guilty of all the second charge brought against her and condemns her to four (4) months imprisonment. The Court is not taking cognisance of the first charge since this was withdrawn by the Prosecution.

Dr. Charmaine Galea Magistrate

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Deputy Registrar