

MALTA

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

MAGISTRATE DR IAN FARRUGIA LL.D

Today 15th February 2022

The Police (Inspector Saviour Baldacchino)

Vs

Michael Oluwafemi Tewogbola

The Court;

Having seen the charges brought against **Michael Oluwafemi Tewogbola** holder of **Maltese identity card 23312A**, charged with having on the 7th July 2019 between 6:00 and 6:30hrs at the outlet 'Mobiles Malta' at Triq Gorg Borg Olivier, St Julians;

 Committed theft of several mobile phones: which theft is aggravated by means and by value which exceeds two thousand and three hundred and twenty-nine euro and thirty-seven cents (€ 2,329.37) to the detriment of Antal Boeroente and/or other person/s or any other entity; Became a recidivist after having been found guilty of theft and other accusations, and which decisions are definite, and cannot be changed or cancelled.

Having heard prosecuting officer on oath;

Having seen all the documents exhibited in the acts of these proceedings;

Having examined the testimonies of witnesses produced and all the evidence;

Having seen the articles of the Attorney General as indicated in the referral of the 17.01.2022, and the accused's consent of today the 15.02.2022 for proceedings to proceed and be decided summarily;

Having heard accused plead guilty to the charges brought against him during today's sitting and his insistence on such guilty plea after being given time according to law to reconsider;

Having considered the accused's declaration as minuted in today's sitting, following his guilty plea, that he had enough time to think and reconsider such guilty plea, that he clearly understood the nature of the charges brought against him, and that he understood clearly that his guilty plea, as pointed out by this Court, was to lead to serious consequences in terms of punishment;

Considers;

That in view of the accused's guilty plea to all charges proffered against him, and since there is no reason emanating from these proceedings why this Court should not accept such plea, and after due verification that his guilty plea is a total reflection of the evidence tendered by the prosecution in this case, it is now the duty of this Court to proceed with judgement and declare the accused guilty as charged.

Conclusion.

THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE COURT, having seen Articles 17, 31, 49, 50, 261(b)(c), 263, 267, 278(2), 279(b), 280(2), 289, 532A, 532B and 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, finds and declares offender Michael Oluwafemi Tewogbola guilty as charged and condemns him to two (2yrs) years and four (4mths) months imprisonment.

Dr Ian Farrugia LL.D Magistrate

> Marica Mifsud Deputy Registrar