



MALTA

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

**MAGISTRATE
DR. CHARMAINE GALEA**

1st of May 2022

**The Police
(Inspector Roxanne Tabone)**

vs.

**Joshua James Montero Morilla
Maltese Residence Permit No:212331A**

The Court,

Having seen that the defendant Joshua James Montero Morilla was charged with that on the 01/05/2022 at the Malta International Airport, Gudja:

1. Acquired, possessed for whatever purpose, kept or imported ammunition referred to in Schedule I in the arms act of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta which ammunition is prohibited.

After having seen all the records of the case;

Having heard the accused pleading guilty to the charge brought against him, 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 plea, and allowed him sufficient time to re-consider him 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 charge brought against him;

As regards the punishment, the Court took into consideration the fact that the defendant admitted to the charge at a very early stage of the proceedings and that he co-operated fully with the Police. The Court took into consideration also the fact that according to a tradition of the Philippines the bullet found in the accused's luggage was intended as a lucky charm.

DECIDE

For these reasons, the Court after having seen sections 3 (a) of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds defendant **Joshua James Montero Morilla** guilty of all the charge brought against him and condemns him to a fine (multa) of two hundred and forty euro (€240).

Dr. Charmaine Galea
Magistrate

Diane Gatt
Deputy Registrar