



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (GOZO)  
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

**Magistrate Dr. Donatella M. Frendo Dimech LL.D., Mag. Jur. (Int. Law)**

**The Police  
(Inspector Josef Gauci)**

**-vs-**

**Chucks Adamkofi, holder of Nigerian passport  
number: A10987003 and of Italian ID No: CA73468EN.**

*Criminal Proceedings No. 42/2022*

Today, the 2nd day of September, 2022

The Court

Having seen the charges brought against the defendant **Chucks Adamkofi** for having:

In these Islands, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022, between 18:00hrs and 19:30hrs, whilst at 101, Block G, Triq Lapsi, Marsalforn, Zebbug, Gozo and/or in the vicinities in Marsalforn, Zebbug, Gozo:

1. Without intent to kill or to put the life of any person in manifest jeopardy, with a cutting or pointed instrument, caused harm of greivous nature to the body, on the person of Francis Adjei, as certified by Dr. Alexander Krynicki MD of Gozo General Hospital, and this in violation of articles 214, 216 and 217 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.
2. And also on the same date, time, place and circumstances, wilfully disturbed the public good order or the public peace, in breach of art. 338(dd) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

3. And also with having on the same date, time, place and circumstances, threatened with stones or other hard substances, or throws the same, or had taken up any other weapon against Francis Adjei, and this in breach of article 339(1)(b) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

The court was requested, where it deems so expedient, in order to provide for the safety of Francis Adjei for the keeping of the public peace, in addition to, or in lieu of the punishment applicable to the offence, require the offender to enter into his own recognizance in a sum of money to be fixed by court, and this in terms of article 383 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court was also requested, for the purpose of providing for the safety of the injured party, to issue a Protection Order under 412C of the Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Whereas having heard, in today's sitting, the defendant plead guilty to the charges brought against him notwithstanding the fact that the Court warned him in the most solemn manner of the legal consequences of his guilty plea, and after having given him sufficient time within which to reconsider and withdraw his guilty plea;

Having heard witnesses;

Having seen all the acts and documents exhibited;

Having heard the prosecution and defence counsel make their submissions on punishment;

Considers,

Having heard defendant enter a guilty plea to the charges brought against him, the Court declares the defendant guilty of the said charges.

With regards to punishment, the Court took into consideration the accused's early admission of guilt, the serious nature of the offences of which he is being found guilty, his clean criminal record<sup>1</sup> and the circumstances of the case. The

In view of the above, the Court, after having seen articles 214, 216, 217, 338(dd) and 339(1)(b) of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the laws of Malta, finds the

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defendant guilty of the charges brought against him, condemns him to a punishment of **two (2) years imprisonment** which, by application of article 28A of the Criminal Code, are being suspended for three (3) years and two (2) days detention. The time spent under preventive arrest are to be deducted from this period.

Moreover, in terms of Article 382A of the Criminal Code, the court is issuing a restraining order in favour of Francis Adjei.

Finally, having seen article 5(2)(d) of the Immigration Act, Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta, the Court recommends that the Principal Immigration Officer exercises the powers laid out under the said Act.

The Court explained to the defendant in ordinary language the significance of this judgement and of the consequences should he commit an offence during the operative period of this sentence or should he fail to observe the conditions imposed.

The Court orders that a copy of this judgement be notified to the Principal Immigration Officer.

**Dr. Donatella M. Frendo Dimech LL.D., Mag. Jur. (Int. Law)**  
**Magistrate**