

## In the Court of Magistrates (Gozo) As a Court of Criminal Judicature

## Magistrate Dottor Brigitte Sultana LL.D. LL.M(Cardiff) Adv. Trib. Eccl. Melit

Case no 23/2023

The Police (Inspector Bernard Charles Spiteri)

Vs

Miklos Santa, holder of Hungarian Passport Number BT 5218442 aged 40 years old, son of Santa and Borcsok Gisella, born in Szeged, Hungary, on the 24th March, 1983.

Today, 31st July 2023

The Court;

Noting the charges brought against the accused Miklos Santa wherein he is being charged that on the 31st July 2023, between 00:45hrs and 02:00am, whilst being at La Grotta, Rabat Street, Munxar Gozo and / or in the vicinities :

- 1. Committed theft of alcohol and other bottles, which amount does not exceed two hundred and thirty-two and ninety-four cents (€232.94) euros to the detriment of Kim Said and/or other persons, which theft is aggravated by means and time, in breach of articles 261,263 and 270 of Chapter 9.
- 2. And also with having on the same date, time, place and circumstances knowingly received or purchased any property which has been stolen, misapplied or obtained by any means of any offence, whether committed in Malta or abroad, or shall knowingly take part, in any manner, whatsoever, in the sale or disposal of the same and *this in breach of article* **334** *of chapter 9*.
- 3. And also with having on the same date, time, place and circumstances wilfully committed any spoil or damage to or upon movable property which

damages does exceeds not two hundred and fifty euro (€250) to the detriment of Kim Said and this in breach of article 325(c) of Chapter 9.

## 4. And also with having on the same date, time, place, circumstances and during the previous weeks in Gozo led an idle and vagrant life, in breach of article 338(w) of chapter 9.

Noting that during the sitting held today the accused admitted to all the charges brought against him;

Noting also that the court upon the accused's admission granted the accused additional time within which he was to consider his admission of guilt and afforded him the opportunity to once again confer with his lawyer;

Noting that the accused once again confirmed his admission;

Heard the submissions of both parties regarding punishment to be meted out to the accused.

Took note of all the documents exhibited in the records of the case.

Considered:

Since the accused has admitted all the charges brought against him the court deems that the same said charged have been duly proven to the degree requested by law and hence finds the accused guilty of all the charges.

As to the punishment this Court shall be taking into consideration the nature of the charges brought against the accused as well as his co-operation with the police and the fact that he has pleaded guilty at this very early stage of the proceedings. The Court also notes that the refuritiva was retrieved.

Decide.

Therefore, the Court, for the above reasons and after having seen Articles 261, 263, 270, 334 325(c) and Article 338(w) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, finds the accused Miklos Santa guilty of all the said charges and therefore sentences Miklos Santa to one (1) year effective imprisonment.

Furthermore orders that in the light of what is provided by Article 392A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Attorney General is given access to this judgment and this within six (6) working days from today.

(sgd.) Dr. Brigitte Sultana Magistrate

(sgd.) Diane Farrugia Deputy Registrar

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For The Registrar