

Court of Magistrates (Gozo) As a Court of Criminal Judicature

Magistrate: Dr. Simone Grech B.A. LL.D. Mag. Jur. (Eur. Law)

Today 14th December 2023

Case number 56/2022

The Police (Inspector Bernard Charles Spiteri)

 $\mathbf{v}\mathbf{s}$

Amandeep Singh

The Court;

Having seen the charges brought against Amandeep Singh, 34 years old son of Bakshish and Jaswinder nee' Kaur, born in Ranipur, India on the 18th April 1987 residing in Malta at 69, Trejqet Bieb il-Ghajn, Fontana Gozo holder of Maltese Identity Card number 650819(L) whereby he was charged with:

[&]quot;... having on the 7th March 2022 around 6.15 pm whilst being at Bakery Street, Zebbug Gozo and/in the vicinties;

- 1. Without the intent to kill or put the life in manifest jeopardy caused grievous bodily harm on the person of Vincenzo Bottaro as certified by Dr Anora Shakzoda MD reg No 4522 and this in breach of articles 214 and 216 of Chapter 9;
- 2. And also with having on the same date, time, place and circumstances, wilfully disturbed the public good order or the public peace, and this in breach of article 338(dd) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta;

The Court is being kindly requested where it deems expedient in order to provide for the safety of Vincenzo Bottaro, or 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."

Having seen all documents exhibited;

Having heard the evidence;

Having read out the note of the Attorney General dated 30th October 2023 and having seen that the accused had no objection that this case be heard and tried summarily.

Considers:

Although the prosecution brought forth several witnesses, the only witness who was present when the violation of the law allegedly occurred did not testify. The Court has only the statements which were released by the accused and the alleged victim. However, all the other witnesses only reported what was told to them as none were eyewitnesses of this alleged fight. As a result, the Prosecution did not bring the best evidence they could with regards to this case. The Court is not convinced that the Prosecution proved the charges brought against the accused beyond any reasonable doubt.

Consequently the Court shall proceed to acquit the accused from all charges.

Decide:

For the above-mentioned reasons, the Court is not finding the accused guilty of the charges brought against him and is thereby acquitting him.

(sgd) Dr. Simone Grech Magistrate

(sgd) Mary Jane Attard Deputy Registrar

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For the Registrar