



**IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT (MALTA)  
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE  
MAGISTRATE DR. ELAINE MERCIECA BA. LL.D.**

**THE POLICE**  
**(Inspector Audrey Micallef)**  
**(Inspector Marcus Cachia)**

**Vs**

**PATRICK KNOP**

Today the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2022

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against the accused **Patrick Knop** holder of German Passport Number: LHCP081PFW, and charge him with having on the 09<sup>th</sup>. January 2022 and /or on the proceeding days and months, in the Maltese Islands:

1. With the intent to cause distress, emotional harm or harm of any nature, took or disclosed a private sexual photograph or film without the consent of his ex-partner *Ommissis*, displayed or depicted in such photograph or film

2. By means of an electronic communications network or apparatus, threatened the commission of any crime, or with the intent to induce his ex-partner *Ommissis* to do, or omit from doing anything, or made any other improper use thereof.
  
3. Attempted to use force with intent to insult, annoy or hurt his ex-partner *Ommissis*

Moreover, with having on the 10<sup>th</sup>. February 2022 and/or on the preceding days, weeks and months, in the Maltese Islands:

4. Lost an identity document, (German Passport), and as the holder of this identity document, failed to report the fact to the authorised officer without fail

The Court was requested to issue a protection order, during the proceedings against Patrick Knop to the benefit of *Ommissis* and her family as per Article 412C of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court was also requested to provide for the safety of *Ommissis* and her family or for the keeping of the public peace, in addition to, or in lieu of the punishment applicable to the offence, requires that Patrick Knop to enter into his own recognizance in a sum of money fixed by the court as per article 383 et seq. of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court is being requested to condemn Patrick Knop to pay all expenses incurred by the appointment of experts during these procedures, and this in terms of Article 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen that the accused admitted to the charges brought against him and that he reconfirmed his guilty plea after the Court explained the consequences thereof and also after the accused given sufficient time to reconsider;

Having seen the acts and documents of the case;

Having heard submissions with regards to the penalty which should be meted out;

### **Considered**

The accused has admitted to the charges brought against him and thus these have been sufficiently proven;

With reference to the penalty to be meted out, the Court, is taking into consideration the very serious nature of the offence for which the accused is pleading guilty, his early guilty plea and his cooperation with the police.

### **Decide**

For the above-mentioned reasons, this Court, after having seen articles 208E and 339(1)(e) of the Criminal Code, article 20(1) of Chapter 258 of the Laws of Malta and article 49 of Chapter 399 of the Laws of Malta, upon his admission, finds the accused, **Patrick Knop**, guilty of all the charges proffered against him and condemns him to eighteen months imprisonment which by virtue of article 28A of the Criminal Code the said sentence shall not take effect unless the offender commits another offence punishable with imprisonment within the period of three years from the today.

In terms of article 383(1) of the Criminal Code the Court is also ordering a protection order for the safety of *Ommissis* and for the keeping of the public peace under the penalty of Eur. 5,000.

The Court explained to the accused in ordinary language his liability under article 28B of the Criminal Code in the event that during the operation period he commits an offence which is punishment with imprisonment.

MAGISTRATE DR. ELAINE MERDIECA BA. LL.D.

Christine Farrugia

Deputy Registrar