



**COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE
Magistrate Dr Astrid May Grima B.A. LL.D. Adv. Trib. Eccles. Melit.**

Today, 23rd January 2024

Valletta District

**Police
(Inspector Charlotte Curmi)**

vs

**Lolito Tadeo Torregoza
(60769A)**

The Court,

After having seen the charges brought against Lolito Tadeo Torregoza, holder of Identity card number 607692A.

Being charged with having on the 16th April 2022 at about 23:20hrs and in the previous times in Triq il-Baltiku, San Giljan and in these islands drove the vehicle with registration no. CBV604;

- (1) Moreover through imprudence, negligence and unskillfulness in his art or profession, and non observance of the motor vehicle regulations, collided in vehicle with registration no : ANG 155 and caused involuntary damages to the detriment of Angelita Mari Briffa;
- (2) And also drove the mentioned vehicle in a negligent manner;
- (3) And also drove the mentioned vehicle in dangerous manner;
- (4) And also drove the mentioned vehicle in a reckless manner;

- (5) And also drove the mentioned vehicle and failed to have complete control of the motor vehicle, and a full view of the road and of the traffic ahead of the motor vehicle and/or left the mentioned vehicle unattended without having taken due precaution against its being moved in his absence or allowed the motor vehicle to stand on such street or to be handled so as to cause any unnecessary obstruction thereof or any inconvenience to the public;
- (6) Drove or attempted to drive or was in charge of the mentioned vehicle on the road or other public place when he was unfit to drive through drink or drugs;
- (7) Also he drove, attempted to drive or was in charge of the mentioned vehicle on the road or other public place after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion or it in his breath, blood or urine exceeded the prescribed limit (0.31.8ug/100ml).

The Prosecution requests that the mentioned person be disqualified from all his driving licenses.

The Court is humbly requested that in case of guilt, also deducts points from the driving license, as indicated in S.L. 65.18 Art 36B and in S.L. 65.18 Sixth Schedule.

Having seen all the documents presented in the acts of the proceedings.

Having seen that the Prosecution has withdrawn charges number 3 and 4.

Having seen that the accused registered a guilty plea to the charges number 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 brought against him during the sitting of the 21st of March 2023.

Having heard the submissions of both parties regarding the punishment.

Considered

Whereas during the sitting held on the 21st of March 2023, in the presence of his Lawyer, the accused pleaded guilty to the charges number 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 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 the accused reiterate his guilty plea, after the court warned him of the punishment and consequences such an admission entailed.

Having heard the guilty plea of the accused to the charges number 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 brought against him, the Court has no alternative but to declare the accused guilty of the said charges.

Considers

That the Prosecution has withdrawn charges number 3 and 4.

The guilty plea of the accused at the initial stages of these proceedings.

Decide

For the said reasons the Court, after having seen Articles 7 and 328(d) of Chapter 9, Articles 15(1)(a)(2), 15A, 15B and 15H(1)(a) of Chapter 65 and Regulation 68 of L.S. 65.11 of the Laws of Malta, **finds the accused guilty** of charges number one(1), two(2), five (5), six(6) and seven (7) brought against him and condemns him to **the payment of a fine (multa) for the sum of one thousand and eight hundred Euro (€1,800).**

Also the Court is ordering that the accused is **disqualified** from holding or obtaining a driving licence for the period of **six (6 months)** from today, in terms of Article 15(2) of Chapter 65 of the Laws of Malta.

Dr. Astrid May Grima B.A. LL.D. Adv. Trib. Eccles. Melit.
Magistrate