



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

MAGISTRATE DR SIMONE GRECH LL.D.

CASE NO. 6807/2024

**The Police
(Inspector Andrew Agius Bonello)**

vs

Paul Steve

Today, the 30th day of September, 2024

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against Paul Steve, 26 years, son of unknown parents, born in Senegal on the 1st January 1998, resident at an unknown address, and holder of International Protection Agency (i.e. Commissionaire for Refugees) number 13W-071, wherein he was charged:

“1. With having on the 27th August 2024 at a time between four o’clock in the afternoon (16:00hrs) and five o’clock in the afternoon (17:00hrs) at Intersport, Triq L-Iljun, Qormi committed theft of clothes, to the detriment of the directors of Hudson Holdings and/or another person/persons, and or another entity/entities, which value does not exceed twenty-three euro and twenty-nine cents (€23.29);

2. Moreover, with having on the 27th August 2024 and the preceding days, on these Islands, lead an idle and vagrant life;

3. And finally with having on the same date, time, location and circumstances rendered himself recidivists according to Articles 49, 50

and 289 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta with definitive sentences that cannot be altered;

Having seen all documents presented;

Having heard the witnesses produced before the Court;

Having heard the accused register a guilty plea, which guilty plea was re-confirmed, after that the accused was given reasonable time to reconsider and after that, the legal consequences of such a guilty plea were explained to the accused;

Considers:

The accused admitted the charges brought against him, and so these charges are consequently sufficiently proven. With regards the penalty to be meted out, the Court took into consideration, the nature of the offences of which defendant is being found guilty, and on the other hand, his guilty plea at this stage of the proceedings.

Therefore the Court, after having seen Articles 284, 285, 338(w), 49, 50, 289 and 31 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, finds Paul Steve guilty of the charges brought against him, and condemns him to two months imprisonment. The time spent under preventive arrest is to be deducted from this period.

Magistrate Dr. Simone Grech

**Janet Calleja
Deputy Registrar**