

## Court of Magistrates (Malta) As A Court of Criminal Judicature

Magistrate Dr. Donatella M. Frendo Dimech LL.D., Mag. Jur. (Int. Law)

Today, the 28th of May, 2024

Criminal Proceedings No. 3123/24

## The Police (Inspector Michael Vella)

-vs-

Moses Efraim Oskar Georg Gudmundsson, holder of Swedish Passport bearing 35147622,

Ronja Marie Ekenryd, holder of Swedish Identity Card number EA0644679,

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against the persons charged **Moses Efraim Oskar Georg Gudmundsson** and **Ronja Marie Ekendryd** namely with having:

On the 05<sup>th</sup> May 2024 between 17:30hrs and 18:30hrs in George Borg Olivier Street, St Julian's and on the Maltese Islands;

1) Reviled, threatened or caused bodily harm on **PS 276 Gregory Attard and Pc 1005 Ruben Scicluna**, persons lawfully in charged with public duty, while in the act of discharging his duty or because of having discharged such duty, or with intent to intimidate or unduly influence them in the discharge.

- 2) Disobeyed lawful orders of **PS 276 Gregory Attard and Pc 1005 Ruben Scicluna**, persons entrusted with a public service, or hindered or obstructed such persons in the exercise of their duties, or otherwise unduly interfered with the exercise of such duties, either by preventing other persons from doing what they are lawfully enjoined or allowed to do, or frustrating or undoing what has been lawfully done by other persons, or in any other manner whatsoever, unless such disobedience or interference falls under any other provision of this Code or of any other law.
- 3) Refused to give, or untruthfully gave to any public officer or any other person entrusted with a public service in the actual exercise of his duties, your name, surname, address and other particulars

And also accuses Moses Efraim Oskar Georg Gudmundsson alone, that on the same time, date, pace and circumstances

4) Wilfully committed any spoil, damage or injury to or upon any immoveable or movable property causing an amount of damage which exceeds 250 euros but does not exceed the 2,500 euros to the detriment of **Carlos Stivala** and, or other persons and, or other entities.

In addition to the punished, this Honourable court is being requested that in addition to any punishment for the afore-mentioned charges, the Court orders the restitution to the injured party, **Carlos Stivala** of any property or proceeds stolen or knowingly received or obtained by fraud or other unlawful gain to the detriment of such party by or through the offence, or to pay to such party such sum of money as may be determined by the Court as compensation for any such loss as aforesaid or for any damages or other injury or harm

Whereas having heard the persons charged plead guilty to the charges brought against them notwithstanding the fact that the Court warned them in the most solemn manner of the legal consequences of their guilty plea, and after having given them sufficient time within which to reconsider and withdraw their guilty plea;

Having heard witnesses;

Having seen all the acts and documents exhibited;

Having heard the prosecution and defence counsel make their submissions;

Considers,

Having heard the defendants' guilty pleas to the charges brought against them, the Court has no alternative but to declare them guilty of the said charges.

With regards to punishment the Court took into consideration the defendants' early admission of guilt, their clean criminal records and the circumstances of the case which was an incident spurred by their intoxication. Nonetheless the Court cannot tolerate disrespect towards police officers who ended up being insulted by the defendants.

In view of the above, the Court, after having seen Articles 17, 31, 95, 325(1)(c), 338(g) and 338(ee) of the Criminal Code, finds them guilty of the offences brought against them and condemns each one of them to **three (3) months imprisonment** which by virtue of Article 28A of the Criminal Code are being suspended for one (1) year and to the payment of a fine (multa) of eight hundred Euro ( $\in$ 800) each which is to be paid in full within three (3) months.

Furthermore in terms of Article 15A of the Criminal Code orders the defendants to pay between them the sum of five hundred Euros to the injured party. Payment is to be made within three days from today.

Dr. Donatella M. Frendo Dimech LL.D., Mag. Jur. (Int. Law) Magistrate