

In the Court of Magistrates (Malta) As a Court of Criminal Judicature

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

St. Julian's District Sitting

The Police

-vs-

Daniel Lothar Weber, holder of Maltese Identity Card No.149664A

Case No. 8055/2024

Today the 5th November, 2024

The Court,

Whereas having seen the charges brought against the defendant namely:

For having on the 22^{nd} of July, 2024 at around 20:03 hrs, and/or on the previous dates, in the Maltese Islands:

- 1. Uttered insults and/or threats not otherwise provided for in this code, or if provoked, carried his insults beyond the limit warranted by the provocation to Matthias Keck.
- 2. By means of an electronic communications network or device, threatened to commit a crime.
- 3. For making improper use of an electronic communications network or device.

The Court was requested that the case of guilt to provide for the security of Matthias Keck in terms of Article 383 of Chap. 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Considers,

Whereas having, during the sitting held today, heard the person charged plead guilty to the charges 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 witnesses;

Having seen all the acts and documents exhibited;

Having heard the prosecution and defence counsel make their submissions;

Considers,

Having heard the defendant plead guilty to the charges brought against him, the Court has no alternative but to declare him guilty of the said charges.

PUNISHMENT

In its considerations on punishment the Court took note of the defendant's early admission of guilt, his clean criminal record, the nature of the offences of which he stands charged and the circumstances of the case.

DECIDE

In view of the foregoing, the Court, after having seen Articles 17, 31 and 339(1)(e) of the Criminal Code, and Article 49 of the Electronic Communications (Regulation) Act, Chapter 399 of the Laws of Malta, finds the defendant guilty of all charges brought against him but in terms of Article 22 of the Probation Act is conditionally discharging the defendant for a period of two (2) years.

The Court explained to the defendant in ordinary language the significance of this judgement and of the consequences should he fail to observe the conditions imposed, namely that should he commit another offence during the period of conditional discharge, he will be liable to be sentenced for the original offence.

Furthermore in terms of Article 382A of the Criminal Code, the Court is issuing a restraining order against the defendant in favour of Matthias Keck for a period of three (3) years commencing today.

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