



**Court of Magistrates (Malta)
As a Court of Criminal Judicature**

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

St. Julians District Sitting

The Police

-vs-

Mauro Jose Hernandez, holder of Identity Card no.436092A

Case No. 534/2025

Today the 28th day of January, 2025

The Court,

Having seen that the defendant was charged with having:

On the 27th of October 2024 at around 2359hrs and/or in the times before, whilst at 'Shadows Club' situated in Tarag Santa Rita, Paceville, St Julians:

1. Was either employed as a private guard, specialised guard or private guard at a place of entertainment, or community officer without a licence issued by the relevant Authority. Art.25(b) Cap.389

The Court is requested that in the event of a guilty plea, the accused be disqualified from holding or obtaining such warrant, licence, permit or authority, for a period of time which the Court deems appropriate in accordance with Article 30 of the Criminal Code

Having Considered,

Whereas having, earlier today, heard the person charged plead guilty to the charge 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 seen all the acts and documents exhibited;

Having heard the prosecution and defence counsel make their submissions;

Considers,

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

With regards to punishment the Court took into consideration the defendant's early admission of guilt, the nature of the offence of which he stands charged and the circumstances of the case.

In view of the foregoing the Court, after seeing Articles 3 and 25(b) of the Private Guards and Community Officers Act, Chapter 389 of the Laws of Malta, finds the defendant guilty of the charge brought against him and condemns him to the payment of a fine, *multa*, of one thousand Euros (€1,000) payable within two (2) months.

Finally in terms of Article 30 of the Criminal Code, is disqualifying the defendant to be disqualified from holding or obtaining such licence for a period of two (2) months.

Dr. Donatella M. Frendo Dimech
Magistrate