



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

**MAGISTRATE DR. NOEL BARTOLO
B.A., M.A. (Fin. Serv.), LL.D.**

Today 31st March, 2025

The Police

vs

Jorge Emilio Herrera Mendez

The Court,

After having seen the charges brought against the accused: **Jorge Emilio Herrera Mendez son of Amanda Mendez C. date of birth: 24th May 1989. Residing at 31, Geminis, Triq is-Sidra, Swieqi.**

Accused with having on the 31st March 2025 at about quarter to two in the morning and in the preceeding months, in St. Georges Road St. Julians and in the Maltese islands, he did not adhare to several conditions imposed upon him from the Court of Magistrates (Malta) through a decree dated 14th May 2024 by Magistrat Dr. C. Stafrace Zammit LL.D, by which he was granted bail and as subsequently ammended.

The Court is humbly requested to revoke the bail from the accused and re-arrest him according to law.

The Court is humbly being requested to forfeit the sum of €3000 as deposit and the sum of €17000 as personal guarantee is paid in favor of the Government of Malta.

Having examined all the documents forming part of the proceedings.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought against him, and having heard him confirm his guilty plea after 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/or withdraw his guilty plea and consult again with his lawyer.

Considers

That, as a consequence of the admission of the accused of the charges brought against him, the said charges brought against the accused have been sufficiently proven.

With regards to the punishment to be inflicted against the accused, the Court took into consideration various factors, including: the nature of the charges brought against the accused and the submissions of the defence and prosecution during today's sitting with respect to the punishment whereby defence submitted that in view of the circumstances namely the fact this is the first time and that the accused duely co operated with the police and also due to his early admission of guilt, the punishment to be awarded to the accused ought not to be that of an effective jail term but that of a fine (*multa*) coupled with a partial forfeiture of the deposit. The Prosecuting Officer submitted that the prosecution does not insist on an effective jail sentence and that the accused did indeed fully co operate with the police and that the punishment suggested by the defence is commensurate with the charges in these circumstances.

Conclusion:

Therefore, the Court, for the above reasons and after having seen and considered *inter alia* Article 579(2) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, finds the accused **Jorge Emilio Herrera Mendez**, on his own admission, guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to the punishment **of a fine (*multa*) of five hundred Euros (€500)** and **in addition orders that the sum of one thousand five hundred Euros (€1,500)**, out of the bail bond deposited in Court, be forfeited in favour of the Government of Malta.

The Court orders that a copy of this judgement be notified to the Registrar of Courts so as to take cognizance of the same for the recovery of the fine imposed and the forfeiture of the sum so ordered.

Finally the Court orders that in terms of Article 392A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta the Attorney General be given access to a scanned copy of the records, together with access to a scanned copy of the judgment within the term prescribed by Law.

Noel Bartolo
MAGISTRATE

Marisa Bugeja
Deputy Registrar