



THE COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)

As a Court of Criminal Judicature

MAGISTRATE

DR. CAROLINE FARRUGIA FRENDU

B.A. (Legal and Humanistic Studies), LL.D.,

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The Republic of Malta

(Inspector Mark Cremona)

vs

Saikou Minteh

Today the 11 of February 2025

The Court has seen the charges against;

Saikou Minteh, forty-four years of age (44), son of Kebba Touray and Jankey Jawla, born in Gambia, on the fifteenth (15th) of August of the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty (1980), declared to reside at "36, Ta' Pinu Court, Triq Dun Frans Camilleri, Hamrun, Malta" and bearer of Gambian Passport number PC798216.

In the name of the Republic of Malta we accuse him that on the tenth (10th) of January of the year two-thousand and twenty-five (2025), and/or in the preceding weeks and/or preceding months, on these Maltese Islands;

1. He had in his possession the whole or any portion of the plant Cannabis in breach of Article 8(d) of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, which drug was found under circumstances denoting that it was not intended for his personal use;

2. At the same date, time, place and circumstances, that he produced, sold or otherwise dealt with the whole or any portion of the plant Cannabis in terms of Article 8 (e) of the Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta;
3. At the same date, time, place and circumstances, that he had in his possession the resin obtained from the plant Cannabis, or any other preparation of which such resin formed the base, in terms of Article 8(a) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, which drug was found under circumstances denoting that it was not intended for his personal use;
4. At the same date, time, place and circumstances, that he produced, sold or otherwise dealt in the resin obtained from the plant cannabis, or any preparation of which such resin formed the base, in terms of Article 8 (b) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta;
5. At the same date, time, place and circumstances, that he had in his possession a 'drug' and/or a 'new psychoactive substance' as defined in Article 118A (1)(c) of Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta and Article 120A (2) of Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta, and this in breach of the provisions of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta, and the Drugs (Control) Regulations, Subsidiary Legislation 31.18 of the Laws of Malta, which drug was found under circumstances denoting that it was not intended for his personal use;
6. At the same date, time, place and circumstances, that he supplied or distributed, or offered to supply or distribute a 'drug' and/or a 'new psychoactive substance' as defined in Article 118A (1)(c) of Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta and Article 120A (2) of Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta, without being authorised and/or licenced by the Superintendent of Public Health, in breach of the Medical and Kindred Profession Ordinance Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta and the Drugs (Control) Regulations, Subsidiary Legislation 31.18 of the Laws of Malta;

The Court has seen that the Prosecution read out and confirmed on oath the charges during the sitting dated the 11th of January 2025;

The Court heard the accused register a guilty plea during the sitting dated, 11th of February 2025 and after the court has given the accused time to reconsider his guilty plea and was given the opportunity to speak again to his lawyer, he re confirmed such guilty plea after he has been asked whether he wishes to withdraw it.

Considered:

In view of the accused's guilty plea the Court finds the accused guilty of the charges brought against him. Regarding punishment, the court is taking into consideration the guilty plea at

this stage of the proceedings, and the fact that this court has no other option but impose an effective prison term according to law.

Decide:

Therefore, the Court after having seen Articles 8(d)(e)(a)(b) and 22(2) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta and Articles 118A(1)(c), 120A(2) of Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta and LS 31.18 of the Laws of Malta, the Court finds the accused Saikou Minteh guilty of all the charges brought against him and condemns him to a period of six (6) months imprisonment and to a fine multa of €500.

The court orders the destruction of DOK MC2, MC3, MC4 and MC6 presented in the acts.

Dr. Caroline Farrugia Frendo LL.D.
Magistrate

Fabiana Grech
Deputy Registrar