



Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Judicature

THE POLICE (INSPECTOR GABRIEL MICALLEF) V. CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL PETERS (BRITISH PASSPORT NO. 126148242)

MAGISTRATE: DR. VICTOR G. AXIAK

3rd May 2025

THE COURT,

having seen the charges preferred against Christopher Michael Peters, 33 years, son of Stephen and Pamela nee' Taylor, born UK, on the 12th October 1991, residing on board the vessel HMS Trent, and holder of a British Passport number 126148242 ("the accused"), who was arraigned before the Court today and charged with having in the night of the 2nd May 2025 whilst inside the establishment styled Sailor's Paradise situated in Strait Street Valletta and/or in other areas of these Islands:

- 1. wilfully committed any spoil, damage or injury to or upon any movable or immovable property, namely decorative signs and a door panel inside the establishment Sailor's Paradise, to the detriment of Jacques Paul Mifsud and/or any other person, and/or any other entity, which damage exceeds the amount of €250 but does not exceed the €2,500**

having seen that the Court was requested to apply Art. 15A, 532A, 532B, 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta in case of guilt;

having seen that in the sitting held this morning the accused pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him and the Court thereafter explained the consequences of the admission to the accused and postponed the case to ensure that the accused consults his lawyer once again and reconsider his decision,

having seen that when the case was called once again the accused reiterated his admission to the charge brought against him,

having heard submissions on punishment,

having seen all the acts of the case,

gives the following

Judgement

Having seen the relevant provisions of the law (Art. 325(b) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and Article 22 of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta) the Court finds the accused guilty of the charge brought against him upon his admission. However the Court is of the opinion that, having regard to the circumstances of the case, including the nature of the offence and the character of the offender, it is inexpedient to inflict punishment and a probation order, a community service order or a combination order are not appropriate. Therefore the Court is discharging the offender subject to the condition that he does not commit any other offence during the period of one year from today.

Moreover the Court issues a Compensation Order under Article 15A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and orders the offender to pay the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty-four euro (€ 1,684) to Jacques Paul Mifsud (ID. 108999M) by way of compensation for the damages caused, by not later than the end of today. This order shall constitute an executive title for all intents and purposes of the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure.

**V.G. Axiak
Magistrate**

**Y. M. Pace
Dep. Registrar**