



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

DR. RACHEL MONTEBELLO B.A. LL.D.
MAGISTRATE

Case No.: 6269/2025

THE POLICE
(Inspector Ian Azzopardi)

-Vs-

SINGH ARASHDEEP

Today, 23rd May 2025

The Court,

Having seen that **SINGH ARASHDEEP**, aged 22 years, born in Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir, India, on the 24/08/2002, residing at 7, Hayes Court, Flat 7, Triq Adeodato Gatt, Haz Zebbug, holder of residence permit number 0450549A, was charged with having on the 22nd May 2025 and or in the preceding months at Identita' Agency situated, at Valley Road, Msida:-

1. In order to gain any advantage or benefit for himself or others, in any document intended for any public authority, knowingly made a false declaration or statement, or gave false information;

Article 188 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta

2. Committed any other kind of forgery, or knowingly made use of any other forged document not mentioned within the Criminal Code;

Art 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta

3. In relation to any information to be given under or for purposes of this Act (Immigration act), made or caused to be made any false return, false statement or false representation.

Art 32 (1) (c) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges and having heard him confirm his guilty plea even after the Court warned him about the consequences of his admission and the applicable punishment in terms of Law.

Have seen all the documents brought forward together with the charges;

Having considered;

That in view of the accused's voluntary and unconditional admission of guilt, in the presence of his legal counsel, the Court has no alternative but to find him guilty of both charges brought against him and proceed to pass on the accused such sentence as would according to law be passed on an accused convicted of the offence.

The accused was charged with making a false declaration to a public authority by means of the use of a falsified document. In the circumstances of the case, which appears to be one in which a sentence of imprisonment would have been appropriate in the absence of any power to suspend such a sentence by an order under article 28A(1) of the Criminal Code, the Court deems that in view of the fact that the accused admitted to the charges at the first opportunity and has a clean criminal conduct sheet,

it would appropriate to make an order in terms of the said article 28A(1) of the Criminal Code.

For these reasons, the Court, after having seen articles 188(1) and 189 of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, and article 32(1)(c) of the Immigration Act, Chapter 271 of the Laws of Malta, finds SINGH ARASHDEEP guilty as charged upon his own admission, and condemns him to eight months imprisonment which sentence, upon application of article 28A of the Criminal Code, shall not take effect unless, during a period of two (2) years, the offender commits another offence punishable with imprisonment.

For the purposes of article 28A(4) of the Criminal Code, the Court explained to the offender in ordinary language his liability under article 28B of the Criminal Code if, during the operational period he commits an offence punishable with imprisonment.

**DR. RACHEL MONTEBELLO
MAGISTRATE.**