



**COURTS OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE
MAGISTRATE DR. SIMONE GRECH LL.D**

Case No. 6150/2025

**The Police
(Inspector James Mallia
Inspector John Sammut)**

vs

Stefan Solomon Niculescu

Today, the 28th of May, 2025

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against Stefan Solomon Niculescu, 27 years of age, son of N/A, born in Romania on the 9th of August, 1997, without a fixed address, holder of Maltese Residential Permit number 0072417A, whereby he was accused with:

“...that on the eighteenth (18th) of May 2025 at around seven in the evening (1900Hrs) and during the hours prior, inside the PAVI supermarket situated in Triq Manwel Dimech, Hal Qormi, and/or elsewhere on these Islands:

- 1. You committed simple theft of items not exceeding the ammount of €23.46, to the detriment of PAVI (C-29878) supermarket and/or other entities or persons.*
- 2. You are also being accused of being in possession of tools or other objects that could be used for the commission of theft, which were found on your person*

after being caught in the act of stealing from within the premises of PAVI supermarket (C-29878).

3. *You are also being accused that at the same place, time and circumstances, you lived an idle and vagrant life.*

4. *You are being charged as a recidivist, in light of a sentence delivered by the Court of Magistrates presided over by Magistrate Dr. Ian Farrugia dated 13th October 2016, which has now become final and irrevocable.*

The Court is requested, in the even of guilty finding and apart from applying the punishment according to law, to order the accused to pay the expenses relating to the appointment of experts in accordance with Article 533 (1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta."

After considering the documents submitted by the Prosecution;

After having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought against him, which guilty plea was reiterated by him and this also after the Court warned him of the legal consequences of his guilty plea, after having given him sufficient time within which to reconsider and withdraw his guilty plea;

After having heard submissions regarding punishment by the Prosecution and Defense Counsel;

After having considered all the records of the proceedings;

Considers:

The accused pleaded guilty to all the charges brought against him. In so far as concerns punishment, the Court took into account the nature of the charges brought against the accused, but it also took into account the fact, that he registered a guilty plea during the early stages of these proceedings.

Decide

Therefore, after having read and considered Sections 284, 285, 287, 338(w) and 49 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court finds the accused, upon his own admission, guilty of all the charges brought against him and condemns him to a term of three (3) months imprisonment, from which there is to be deducted any time served under preventive custody in relation to this case.

Magistrate Simone Grech

Janet Callejga
Deputy Registrar