



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

**MAGISTRATE DR MARSE-ANN FARRUGIA LL.D.**

**Sitting held today Monday, 23rd June 2025**

**The Police  
(Inspector Andrew Agius Bonello)**

**VS**

**Arturas Burdorf**

The Court:

1. Having seen the charges brought against:

Arturas Burdorf of 43 years, son of unknown parents, born in Kuanas, Germany on the 06th May 1982, without a local fixed address and holder of German identity card number L1TV1C43C.

1. Charged with having on the 22nd June 2025, between nine o'clock in the evening (21:00hrs) and half past ten in the evening (22:30hrs), at Birzebbugia, reviled or threatened PS821 Matthew Abela Galea, a person lawfully charged with a public duty, while in the act of discharging his duty or because of him having discharged such duty, or with intent to intimidate or unduly influence PS821 Matthew Abela Galea in the discharge of such duty;

2. Moreover, with having on the same date, time, place and circumstances disobeyed the lawful orders of PS821 Matthew Abela Galea, a person lawfully charged with a public duty, or hindered or obstructed him in the exercise of his duties, or otherwise unduly interfered with the exercise of his duties,
3. Moreover, with having on the same date, time, place and circumstances, in any public place or place open to the public, was found drunk and incapable of taking care of himself;
4. And finally, with having on the same date, time, place and circumstances, wilfully disturbed the public good order or the public peace;

The Court was requested to provide for the security of the mentioned PS821 Matthew Abela Galea, or for the keeping of the public peace or for the purpose of protecting the mentioned person or his family members from harassment or other conduct which will cause fear of violence, issue a protection order against the accused, according to Article 382A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

2. Having heard the evidence and saw all the records of the case and the documents exhibited.
3. Having seen that in today's sitting, the defendant registered a guilty plea to all the charges preferred against him.
4. The Court warned the defendant of the serious consequences of his admission and that the maximum penalty for the charges preferred against him is of six (6) months imprisonment and a fine of twelve thousand and five hundred euros (€12,5000).
5. The Court suspended the sitting so that the defendant could consult with his defence lawyer to see whether he wanted to retract his guilty plea.
6. When the case was called again, the Court asked the defendant whether he had enough time to consult his defense lawyer and he answered in the affirmative. The Court asked

the defendant whether he was going to confirm his guilty plea, and the defendant replied in the affirmative.

7. The Court heard the submissions by the parties on punishment.

### **Considerations of this Court**

8. In view of the guilty plea registered by the defendant himself, the Court finds the defendant guilty of all the charges preferred against him.
9. As regards punishment, the Court took into account the fact that the defendant co-operated with the Police and registered a guilty plea at a very early stage of the proceedings, and hence he did not waste time and money of the Police and of this Court.
10. The Court also took into account that the defendant is a tourist, who arrived in Malta yesterday and intended to leave to-morrow morning. Although it does not justify his actions, the incident took place because he drank too much alcohol. He acknowledged his mistake, and apologized profusely for his actions.

### **Conclusion**

11. In view of the abovementioned reasons, the Court:
  1. After seeing Articles 95, 338(ee), 338(ff) and 338(dd) of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, finds the defendant guilty of all charges preferred against him;
  2. In the light of all the circumstances of the case, the Court is condemning him to a period of two (2) months imprisonment, which are being suspended for a period of one year from to-day, in terms of Article 28A(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

3. The Court is also condemning the guilty person to a fine (multa) of one thousand and two hundred Euro (€1,200.00), which must be paid forthwith.
  
12. In accordance with Article 28A(4) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court explained in clear and simple language the meaning of this judgement to the accused, and the consequences if he commits another offence punishable with imprisonment within the operative period.

**Magistrate**

**Doreen Pickard**

**Deputy Registrar**