



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

**MAGISTRATE DR. GIANNELLA CAMILLERI BUSUTTIL**

**B.A., M.A. (Fin. Serv.), LL.D.**

**Today 25th June 2025**

**Case Number: 6624/2025**

**The Police**

**(Inspector Hubert Gerada)**

**Vs**

**Naveen Jojo**

**Catherine Christy**

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against the accused **Naveen Jojo**, twenty two (22) years old, son of Jose and Manju, born on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) November of the year two thousand and two (2002), in Kerala, India, presently residing in Paola, holder of an Indian Passport bearing number Y9884023 and **Catherine Christy**, twenty four (24) years old, daughter of Antony and Pra Sanna, born on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) May of the year two thousand and one (2001), in Kerala, India, presently residing in Marsascala, holder of an Indian Passport bearing number T2040874, who are being charged with having on the twenty fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) June of the year

two thousand and twenty five (2025) or the days, weeks or months, prior to this date, in these Islands :-

1. In order to gain an advantage or benefit for themselves or others, in any document not intended for any Public Authority, knowingly made a false declaration or statement, or gave false information;
2. Committed any other kind of forgery, or knowingly made use of any other forged document;

The Court is being requested, in pronouncing judgement, to condemn the persons convicted, to the payment, wholly or in part, to the Registrar, of the costs incurred in connection with the employment of experts, in terms of Section 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen the records of the case;

Having seen that both the accused pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them, which guilty plea was reiterated by both the accused after that the Court explained to them the legal consequences of their guilty plea and gave them sufficient time to reconsider and withdraw their guilty plea;

Having heard submissions regarding punishment by the prosecution and the defence counsel.

**Considers that:**

Both the accused pleaded guilty to the charges brought against them and thus these have been sufficiently proven.

With reference to the punishment to be meted out, this Court is taking into account, the fact that the accused pleaded guilty at the earliest possible opportunity in these proceedings and the fact that they cooperated fully with the Police during the investigations. The Court is also taking into account the circumstances of the case and the declaration by the prosecution that in this case they are not insisting on a punishment of effective imprisonment.

## **Conclusion**

For these reasons, the Court, after having seen Articles 188(1)(2), 189 and Articles 17 and 533 of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, finds the accused **Naveen Jojo** and **Catherine Christy** guilty of the charges brought against them and condemns them each to six (6) months imprisonment, which by application of Article 28A of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, is being suspended for a period of two (2) years from today.

The Court explained to the persons sentenced, in clear and simple terms, the legal consequences of this judgement, should they commit any other offence punishable by imprisonment within the operative period of the suspended sentence.

Furthermore in view of the fact that no experts were appointed in these proceedings, the Court abstains from taking further cognisance of the prosecution's request in terms of Article 533 of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

In terms of Section 392A(2) of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court orders that within six (6) working days from the date of this judgement, the Attorney General shall be given access to a scanned copy of the records, together with access to a scanned copy of the judgment.

Magistrate Dr. Giannella Camilleri Busuttil

Deputy Registrar Michela Attard Deguara