

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

MAGISTRATE DR. ABIGAIL LOFARO

Sitting of the 11 th November, 2004

Number. 444/2004

The Police (Inspector Mario Haber) vs

John Johnson

Today the 11th November, 2004

The Court;

Having seen the charges brought against the above mentioned defendant, by means of which he was charged with having :

i) On the 4th June 2004 at around 19.00 hrs at Hal Far Reception Centre, incited an assembly of persons, who when so incited were ten or more in number, for the purpose os committing an offence.

ii) And charge him also with having on the same day, time, place and circumstances taken active part in an

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assembly of ten or more persons for the purpose of committing an offence that was in fact committed.

iii) And charge him also with having on the same day, time, place and circumstances wilfully committed damages, spoils or injuries to or upon any movable or immovable property belonging to other person, which damage does not exceed five hundred liri but exceeds fifty liri;

iv) And charge him also with on the same day, time, place and circumstances disobeyed the lawful orders of persons entrusted with public service and hindered or obstructed such persons in the exercise of their duties or otherwise unduly interfered with the exercise of such duties;

Having seen the Attorney General's consent so that the case be dealt with summarily and having heard the accused reply that he did not object that his case be dealt with summarily;

Having heard all the evidence;

Having seen all the records of the proceedings;

Having heard defendant, duly assisted, plead guilty to all charges during the Court sitting held on the 30th September 2004, finds defendant guilty as charged and this after having seen sections 68, 325 (b), 338 (ee), 17, and 31 of Chapter 9. The Court considered for the purposes of punishment the fact that the prosecuting officer declared that the defendant has a clean criminal record. The Court also considered the fact that defendant registered an early guilty plea. However the Court notes that the crimes committed by the accused were of quite a serious nature and therefore, after having also seen Section 28 A of Chapter 9, condemns the accused to imprisonment for a period of eighteen months which is being suspended for a period of three years from today.

The Court declares that it has explained to accused in plain language the legal consequences of this judgment according to law.

< Final Judgement >

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