

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

MAGISTRATE DR. ANTHONY ELLUL

Sitting of the 13 th July, 2007

Number. 45/2007

The Police (Inspector Josric Mifsud)

Vs

Gina Kostova

Having seen the charge brought against the accused with having on the 12th July 2007 in Palm Street, Rabat, Gozo at approximately five to two in the afternoon (1.55pm) committed theft of twenty thousand Norwegian Kronars equivalent to approximately one thousand Malta Lira (Lm1,000) to the detriment of Harsen Aronsen which theft is aggravated by value, the nature of the object stolen and place.

Having seen that the prosecution withdrew the aggravation relating to place.

Having heard the accused plead guilty as charged after having been warned and given ample opportunity to decide whether she wanted to insist with her guilty plea, and the accused continued to insist on a guilty plea.

Having heard Harsen Aronsen confirm that he retrieved the money immediately from the accused.

Having seen Sections 20, 21, 261, 267, 271, and 280 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Finds the accused guilty of having on the 12th July 2007 in Palm Street, Rabat, Gozo at approximately five to two in the afternoon (1.55pm) committed theft of twenty thousand Norwegian Kronars equivalent to approximately one thousand Malta Lira (Lm1,000) to the detriment of Harsen Aronsen, which theft is aggravated by value and the nature of the object stolen.

Having heard the accused plead guilty at an early stage of the proceedings, having considered the tender age of the accused and that it appears that she is a first time offender and that the stolen money was immediately recovered by the victim, the Court is going to apply Article 22 of the Probation Act (Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta) and orders the accused is to be set free on condition that she does not commit any further offence within the period of three (3) years from today.

The court declares that it explained to the accused the consequences in terms of law if she commits another offence during this period of conditional discharge.

