

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

MAGISTRATE DR. JACQUELINE PADOVANI

Sitting of the 13 th February, 2008

Number. 967/2007

POLICE INSPECTOR LOUISE CALLEJA VS OMISSIS A OMISSIS B OMISSIS C

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against the accused *omissis A, omissis* years, *omissis* national, daughter of *omissis*, born *omissis* and residing in *omissis*, and holder of Maltese ID Card number *omissis*;

Omissis B, omissis years, *omissis* national, son of *omissis*, born *omissis*, residing in *omissis*, and holder of ID Card number *omissis*;

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Omissis C, omissis years, *omissis* national, w/o *omissis*, daughter of *omissis*, born *omissis*, and residing at *omissis*, and holder of Maltese ID Card number *omissis*;

And charge them with having, on the 1^{st} October 2007, and in the preceding months, on these Islands, by several acts committed by them, even at different times, which constitute violations of the same provision of the law, committed in pursuance of the same design, having the responsibility of *omissis D*, a minor under twelve years of age, by means of persistent acts of commission or omission ill-treated same *omissis D* or caused or allowed the ill-treatment of said minor.

Having heard the evidence tendered on oath;

Having seen the record of the proceedings;

Having heard the plea of admission (at page 46) registered by the accused *omissis B* and *omissis C*.

Having heard the confirmation of the same plea registered by the accused, after the Court accorded the accused a reasonable time to reconsider their plea.

Having heard the oral submissions of the parties;

Considers:-

On their own admission, the Court finds the accused *omissis B* and *omissis C* guilty as charged, and after having seen Articles 247A, 28A and 28G of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, condemns them to six (6) months imprisonment suspended for three (3) years. Moreover, the Court is hereby issuing a supervision suspended order against the accused *omissis B* and *omissis C* for a period of three years, under the supervision of the Director of Probation Services, or any other Probation Officer appointed by the same Director.

The Court, in according punishment, took into account principally the fact that the neglect to the minor child

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consisted in leaving him unattended for a short span of time; the fact that this Court was satisfied that the care order issued on the child has now been lifted following several satisfactory reports by the social workers appointed for the child; the fact that the accused are first offenders; and the fact that they filed an early plea of admission.

The Court orders that a copy of this judgment be served on the Director of Probation Services.

Furthermore, the Court orders that the proceedings relating to *omissis* A be adjourned for the 18^{th} February 2008.

< Partial Sentence >

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