

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

MAGISTRATE DR. AUDREY DEMICOLI

Sitting of the 24 th April, 2009

Number 676/2008

Police Inspector Graziella Muscat

vs

Lars Wrede

The Court;

Having seen the charges brought against Lars Wrede of 24 years, son of Uwe Wrede and Elfrida nee' Herker, born in Germany on the 26th of August, 1987, residing at 131, Triq il-Fuxa San Gwann and holder of Maltese identity card no 44587(A) was arraigned before it and charged with having :

In these islands, in the month of July 2008 and in the preceeding months and years, by several acts committed by him, even if at different times, which constitute

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violations of the same provision of the law, committed in pursuance of the same design:

1. Conspired with one or more persons in Malta or outside Malta for the purpose of committing any crime in Malta liable to the punishment of imprisonment, not being a crime in Malta under the Press Act;

2. Knowingly lived, wholly or in part, on the earnings of prostitution of Rosianne Elnocrashy and Claudia Bautz;

3. Kept and managed or shared with others in the management of a brothel or of any house, shop or other premises or any part thereof which is or are, or is or are reputed to be restored to for the purpose of prostitution or other immoral purposes.

The Court is kindly requested to apply the provisions of Section 23A (2) of the Criminal Code.

The Court is being requested, on reasonable grounds, to provide for the safety of Rosianne Elnocrashy and Claudia Bautz and their respective families, and forthwith apply the provisions of Section 412C of the Criminal Code and thus issue a protection order against the accused with all the necessary restrictions or prohibitions;

The Court is kindly requested, in case of conviction, in pronouncing judgment, order the payments of the costs incurred in connection with the employment in the proceedings of any expert or referee, as stipulated in Section 533 of the Criminal Code.

Having seen all documents and records of the procedures including the note filed by the Attorney General (folio 107) dated 30th March 2009 whereby he transmitted acts and records of the preliminary investigation to be heard and decided by this Court as a Court of Criminal Judicature and whereby he deemed that from the preliminary investigation there might result an offence or offences under the provisions of:-

- (a) Sections 18, 48A of the Criminal Code;
- (b) In terms of Section 7,8 of Chapter 63;

Having seen that on the 3rd April 2009 (*a folio* 106A) the accused answered that he had no objection that his case is heard by summary proceedings and decided by this Court as a Court of Criminal Judicature.

Having heard all evidence submitted in this case.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to all the charges brought against him during the sitting held on the 4th November 2008 and this after the Court had warned him of the consequences of registering a guilty plea and after having granted to him sufficient time within which to withdraw his guilty plea.

After having heard the accused plead guilty to all the charges brought against him the Court has no alternative but to declare him guilty of all the said charges.

With regards to the applicable punishment the Court took into consideration the fact that the accused has a clean criminal record and the fact that he co-operated with the Police during investigations vis–a-vis third parties and it therefore deems fit to apply the provisions of Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta in his regard.

After having seen sections 18 and 48A of the Criminal Code as well as sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 63 of the Laws of Malta the Court declares the accused as guilty of all the charges brought against him and condemns him eighteen (18) months imprisonment which in terms of Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta are being suspended for a period of two (2) years from today. The accused is also being condemned to pay a fine of four hundred and sixty five Euros and sixty five Euro cents (€465.65).

In terms of Section 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta the accused is hereby being condemned to pay the

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Registrar of Courts within one (1) month from when he is requested to do so in writing by the said Registrar of Courts the sum of two hundred seventy one Euros and sixty seven Euro cents (\in 271.67) being the expenses relating to the appointment of experts in this case.

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