



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

**MAGISTRATE DR.
CLAIRE-LOUISE STAFRACE**

Sitting of the 24 th December, 2009

Number. 1335/2009

**The Police
[Inspector Geoffrey Azopardi]**

vs

Blessing Omogba

The Court,

Having seen that the accused Blessing Omogba, 27 years old, born in Nigeria, on the 10th June 1982, daughter of Victor and Juliet, residing at the Hal Far Open Centre, holder of Police Number 08DDD-006.

Was charged with having:

1. Having forged altered or tampered with any passport or used, had in her possession any passport which she knows to be forged, altered or tempered with in terms of Article 5 Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta;

2. Without lawful authority used or had in her possession any forged document required for the purposes of the Immigration Act in terms of Article 32, sub-paragraph 1(f) Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta;

3. Knowingly made use of the forged documents, that is Italian Identity Card, Italian passport for Foreigners and Italian Foreigners' permit of stay in terms of Article 189 Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charge, this notwithstanding the fact that the Court warned her of the consequences of her plea and afforded her sufficient time within which to withdraw her guilty plea.

Having seen the Acts of the proceedings, having considered that the accused replied guilty to the charges brought against her, consequently the charges sufficiently proved that the accused cooperated with the competent authorities in their investigation and admitted the charge brought against her in the initial stages of the procedures.

For these reasons, the Court after having seen Sections 189 of Chapter 9, Article 32(1)(f) Chapter 217, Article 5 Chapter 61 of the laws of Malta, on defendant's admission finds her guilty of the charges brought against her and condemns her to six (6) months imprisonment.

< Final Judgement >

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