

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

MAGISTRATE ANTONIO GIOVANNI VELLA

Sitting of the 9 th August, 2010

Number 282/2010

POLICE INSPECTOR VICTOR AQUILINA

VS

STEPHEN LAWRENCE HUTCHINS

The Court;

After seeing the charges brought against:

Stephen Lawrence Hutchins, aged 49, son of Eric and Margaret nee' Boynton, born in West Germany on the 28th July 1961, residing at 12 Yoden Court, Newton Aycliffe, Darlington, County Durham, England, and holder of Driving Licence Hutch 607281SLN9NY;

With having on these Islands on the 7th August 2010 and on the previous days had in his possession the psychotropic and specified medicine (amphetamine) without due authorisation, in breach of the provisions of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance Chapter 31 laws of Malta and the Drugs (Control) Regulations, legal Notice 22 of 1985 as amended.

Considers:

After having seen the Regulations in Legal Notice 22 of 1985, under Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta;

After having seen the accused admit the charges brought against him, which admission was confirmed by him after having been given due time to reconsider in accordance with the law;

After having heard the evidence and the documents exhibited;

Considers;

Now, therefore, the Court:

After having heard the accused's plea and after having given the time prescribed by Law for the accused to consider his plea, this Court finds the said accused guilty as charged discharges him from any punishment on condition that he does not commit another offence within the period of one (1) year from today, in accordance with the provisions of Article 22 Chapter 446 of the Law of Malta.

Moreover the Court is ordering the destruction of the substance confiscated and exhibited formally in these acts, which destruction is to take place under the authority of the Commissioner of Police.

The Court explained in clear words the terms of the judgement to the accused.

< Final Judgement >
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