



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

**MAGISTRATE DR.  
EDWINA GRIMA**

Sitting of the 1 st December, 2010

Number. 1088/2009

**The Police**

**(Inspector Louise Calleja)**

**VS**

**Natalia Plotnikova, Russian Nationality, 31 years,  
daughter of Savvatee Vasiliy Andreevich and  
Saavateeva Taisia Ivanovna, born Roston-on-Don,  
Russia, on the 8<sup>th</sup> January 1978, residing at Redeemer  
House, Tas-Salib l/o Rabat and holder of Russian  
Passport 63 no. 8490500**

Informal Copy of Judgement

The Court;

Having seen the charge brought against accused Natalia Plotnikova for having in Valletta and/or in other localities on the Islands, on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and in the previous weeks, contracted a marriage with the sole purpose of obtaining Maltese Citezenship; and/or freedom of movement in Malta; and/or a work or residence permit in Malta; and/or the right to enter Malta; and/or the right to obtain medical care in Malta and this in breach of article 38 of Chapter 255 of the Laws of Malta (Marriage Act).

Having seen the documents exhibited;

Having seen the articles of law sent by the Attorney General in his note of the 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2009;

Having heard the evidence;

Having heard accused declare that she has no objection that the proceedings be heard summarily by this Court;

Having heard the accused admit to the charge brought against her which admission was reaffirmed after she was given adequate time during which to consider same;

Having heard submissions regarding the punishment to be inflicted;

Considers;

That in view of the guilty plea registered by accused and the evidence tendered before the Court, the Court cannot but find the accused guilty as charged.

That in considering the punishment to be inflicted the Court is taking into consideration the guilty plea filed by the accused, her clean conduct record and the fact that the accused has a newborn child and an effective prison term would be of no benefit to the accused.

Consequently the Court having seen Article 38(1)(3) of Chapter 255 of the Laws of Malta finds the accused guilty as charged and condemns the accused to a period of six (6) months imprisonment and in view of the above made considerations and in after having seen Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, this period of imprisonment is being suspended for one (1) year.

The Court warns the guilty person of the consequence according to law should she commit another crime during the period of this sentence.

**< Final Judgement >**

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