

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

MAGISTRATE DR. EDWINA GRIMA

Sitting of the 9 th February, 2011

Number, 281/2011

The Police (Inspector Geoffrey Azzopardi)

VS

Joseph Okolie, 23 years, s/o Gabriel and Justina, b/Nigeria on the 3rd March 1986 and residing at Hangar Open Centre, Hal-Far, Police No. 08BBBB-104

The Court:

Having seen the charge brought against accused Joseph Okolie by which he is being charged with having in the months prior the 9th February, 2011, embarked from Malta without being in possession of a passport and without furnishing the Principal Immigration Officer the prescribed information and such other information as the Principal Immigration Officer might have deemed proper to require.

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Having seen documents exhibited;

Having seen the Attorney General's consent for this case to be dealt with summarily;

Having heard accused admit to the charge brought against him which admission was reaffirmed after the Court gave him adequate time to reconsider same;

Considers;

That in view of the guilty plea filed by the accused which guilty plea was reaffirmed when accused was given adequate time to reconsider same the Court finds him guilty as charged.

That in considering the punishment to be inflicted the Court is taking into consideration the early guilty plea filed by the accused, his clean criminal record and his cooperation with the police.

Consequently the Court after having seen Sections 28, 32(1)(g) of Chapter 217 finds accused guilty as charge and condemns him to a period of six (6) months imprisonment, which term of imprisonment in view of the above onsiderations and after having seen Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta is being suspended for one (1) year from today.

The Court warns the accused of the consequences according to law should he commit another crime during the operative period of this sentence.

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