

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

MAGISTRATE DR. GABRIELLA VELLA

Sitting of the 11 th January, 2012

Number 30/2012

Police (Inspector Luke Bonello)

Vs

Michael Paul Akerman

The Court,

After having considered the charges brought against Michael Paul Akerman, thirty three (33) years, son of Sacha Jezdic and Angela neè Akerman, born in Rome on the 30th December 1978, residing at 131 Central Avenue, Asswex, England, holder of Passport Number GBR 506161025, with having on the 18th December 2011 at about 05:30am, whilst being in St. Julians:

1. With intent to commit grievous bodily harm, manifested such intent by overt acts which were followed by a

commencement of the execution of the crime, when he assaulted Christian Bonello with a glass bottle, which crime was not completed due to some accidental cause independent of the his will;

- 2. Furthermore, with having on the same date, time and place, without intent to kill or to put the life of Christian Bonello in manifest jeopardy, caused the mentioned Christian Bonello slight injuries as certified by Dr. Daniel Griscti Soler holder of Medical Register Number 5316, of the Mater Dei Hospital.
- 3. Furthermore, with having on the same date, time and place, wilfully disturbed the public good order or the public peace;

After having considered the documents submitted in the records of the case;

After having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought against him, notwithstanding the fact that the Court, in terms of Section 453(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, warned him in the most solemn manner of the legal consequences of his guilty plea after having given him sufficient time within which to reconsider and withdraw his guilty plea;

Considers:

In view of the guilty plea submitted by the accused, the Court finds him guilty of the charges brought against him.

With regards to punishment the Court took into consideration the fact that the accused suffers from a mental medical condition, that he has a clean criminal record and that he submitted a guilty plea at an early stage of the proceedings.

Therefore, after having considered Articles 17, 31, 41(a), 216, 221 and 338(dd) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, the Court whilst confirming that it finds the accused guilty of the charges brought against him, condemns him to

eighteen (18) months imprisonment however, since the Court is of the opinion that there are sufficient reasons which warrant that the said term of imprisonment be suspended, in terms of Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, suspends the said term of eighteen (18) months imprisonment for a period of four (4) years from date of this judgment.

In terms of Section 28A(4) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta the Court has explained to the accused in plain language his liability under Section 28B of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta if during the operational period he commits an offence punishable with imprisonment.

< Final Judgement >
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