



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

**THE HON. MR. JUSTICE
LAWRENCE QUINTANO**

Sitting of the 12th March, 2012

Number. 11/2004

**The Police
(Insp Johann J Fenech)**

vs.

Christopher Parnis

The Court,

Having seen the charge brought against Christopher Parnis, aged 17 years, son of Joseph and Livian nee' Hillier born in Pieta on the 29th January 1986 and residing at 36 Sacred Heart Street, St Venera, holder of ID card number 72386 (M).

For having in these islands during the night between the 12th and 13th June 2003 and the previous four months had in his possession the resin obtained from the plant cannabis or any preparation of which such resin formed

the base, in terms of Section 8(a) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta.

After having heard the evidence and seen the all the records of the case, including the order of the Attorney General in virtue of subsection two (2) of Section 22 of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 101), for this case to heard by this Court as a Court of Criminal Judicature;

After having heard the accused plead guilty to the charge at an early stage of the proceedings, which admission was confirmed by the same accused even after the Court, in terms of Section 453(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, warned him of the legal consequences of that admission, and allowed him sufficient time to re-consider his reply, and to change it;

After having heard the oral submissions on the punishment;

Considered that:

From the evidence brought forward and from the guilty plea filed by the accused himself, the Court concludes that the accused is guilty of the charge laid against him.

As regards the punishment, the Court took into consideration the fact that the accused admitted to the charge at a very early stage of the proceedings, the fact that he co-operated with the police, the fact that the accused was abroad between 2004 and 2011, that he has a clean criminal record and the fact that he was still a minor when the offence took place.

The Court, after seeing Sections 8(a), 22(1)(a) and 22(2)(b)(ii) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, finds the accused guilty as charged, but in the light of the considerations above-mentioned, and by applying Section 22 of Chapter 446, is discharging him, on condition that he does not commit another crime within thirty six (36) months from to-day.

In accordance with Section 22(3) of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta, the Court explained in clear and simple language the meaning of this judgement to the accused.

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