



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

**MAGISTRATE DR.
AUDREY DEMICOLI**

Sitting of the 5 th March, 2013

Number. 220/2013

Police

(Inspector Frankie Sammut)

vs

Christopher Francis Hamilton

The Court;

Having seen the accused Christopher Francis Hamilton of 27 years, son of Ian and Mariella nee' Dingli, son of Ian and Mariella nee' Dingli, born in Australia, on the 26th February 1986 and residing at Sphinx, Flt 1, Triq Pace, Sliema and holder of identity card bearing the number 276912L was arraigned before it and charged with having :

On these islands, on the 5th March 2013, at about 1:30am, attempted to induce various public officers namely, Police Sergeant 337 Mark Mercieca, Police Constable 831 Jonathan Bordieri, and Police Constable 526 Sergio Spiteri, or servant or other person to induce these officers, or servants or persons to, in connection with their office or employment, request, receive, or accept for themselves or for any person, any reward or promise or offer of any reward in money or other valuable consideration or of any other advantage to which they are not entitled, whereby the object was to induce these officers or servants to forbear from doing what they are in duty bound to do.

On these islands, on the same date, time and circumstances, reviled, or threatened, or caused a bodily harm to any person lawfully charged with a public duty, namely, Police Sergeant 337 Mark Mercieca, Police Constable 831 Jonathan Bordieri, and Police Constable 526 Sergio Spiteri, whilst in the act of discharging their duty, or because of their having discharged their duty or with intent to intimidate or unduly influence them in the discharge of such duty ;

On these islands, on the same date, time and circumstances refused to give, or untruthfully give to any public officer namely, Police Sergeant 337 Mark Mercieca, Police Constable 831 Jonathan Bordieri, and Police Constable 526 Sergio Spiteri, or any other person with a public service in the actual exercise of his duties, his name, surname, address and other particulars ;

Having seen all the acts of the proceedings including the Attorney General's consent dated 5th March 2013 (exhibited a. folio 8 and 9 of the proceedings) for this case to be heard summarily.

Having heard the accused declare that he has no objection that this case is heard summarily.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought against him, notwithstanding the fact that the

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Court warned him of the consequences of his guilty plea and after having afforded him sufficient time within which to withdraw his guilty plea.

After having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought against him the Court has no alternative but to declare the accused guilty of all the charges brought against him.

With regards to punishment the Court took into consideration the fact that the accused pleaded guilty at an early stage of the proceedings, the drunken state of the accused when he tried to offer money to the Police officers in order to allow him to go to sleep and the fact that he has a clean criminal record.

After having seen Sections 120(2), 95, 338(c) and 17 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, finds the accused guilty of all the charges brought against him and in terms of Section 22 of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta conditionally discharges him subject to the condition that he does not commit another offence within a period of three(3) years from today.

In terms of Section 119 of the Laws of Malta, the Court is also hereby interdicting the accused for a period of two(2) months from today which period is to start running from today.

< Final Judgement >

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