

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

MAGISTRATE ANTONIO GIOVANNI VELLA

Sitting of the 21 st March, 2013

Number. 1103/2012

POLICE

VS

LIUDMILA IVANOVA

The Court;

After seeing the charges brought against:

Liudmila Ivanova of 58 years, daughter of Michael and Miriam born in Russia on the 8th June 1954, wife of Leonid Ivanov, residing at 43, Clover Court, Flat 4, Tigne Street, Sliema and holder of identity card number 32725A and Russian passport number 51 No. 4988473;

For having in February 2012 and in the months before and after, in Malta, in order to gain any advantage or benefit for herself or others, in any document intended for any public authority, knowingly made a false declaration or statement, or gave false information;

Considers:

After having seen the Articles 183, 184 and 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

After having heard the evidence and the documents exhibited;

The Prosecution charged the accused with having given made a false declaration, or given a false statement, to a public authority. The reason for this charge issued against the accused arose out of a document filed with the expatriates' affairs department, which was an application filed on behalf of the accused's husband. This document had a date handwritten on it, and appeared to have been made by someone else other than the department issuing the same letter. The accused was questioned by the Police, and charges were issued against her.

From the evidence submitted by the Prosecution, there was no evidence linking Ms Ivanova to the crime in question. Consequently the Court shall be acquitting her from all charges and punishment.

The Court does not find the accused guilty as charged and consequently acquits her from the charge brought against her.

The Court explained in clear words the terms of the judgement to the accused.

