

COURT OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA) AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE MAGISTRATE DR. DOREEN CLARKE

Sitting of the 8 th October, 2014

Number. 477/2014

The Police

(Inspector Nikolai Sant)

VS

Yasmin Zahonero Fernandez

Case Number: 477/2014

Today, the 8th October 2014

The Court

Having seen the charges against Yasmi Zahonero Fernandez, aged 26, daughter of Pablo and Mari Mar nee' Fernandez Martin, born in Barakaldo, Spain on the 21st of January, 1988 and residing at no 55, 'Dolce Vita', Triq il-Gizimini, Swieqi and holder of Maltese Identity Card Number 0105942A with residence Permit MT5069054;

Charged with having on the 7th of October, 2014 and in the previous months on these Islands in her possession (otherwise than in the course of transit through Malta of the territorial waters thereof) the whole or any portion of the plant of Cannabis in terms of Section 8(d) of the Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court was requested to apply Section 533(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, as regards to the expenses incurred by the Court appointed Experts.

Having seen section 8(d) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen the Order of the Attorney General for this case to tried summarily by this Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Judicature.

Having heard the defendant admit the charge brought against her and confirm her admission of guilt even after having been given time to reconsider her plea.

Having seen the documents filed by the prosecuting officer.

Having heard submissions regarding the penalty to be meted out.

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Having considered

That defendant admitted the charge brought against her; this is consequently sufficiently proven.

With regards the penalty to be meted out, the Court took into consideration on the one hand the nature of the offence of which defendant is being found guilty, and on the other hand her co-operation with the police, her clean conviction sheet, and her admission at the earliest stage of these proceedings.

Wherefore the Court, after having seen section 8(d) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, on her admission finds defendant guilty of the charge brought against her and by application of section 22 of Chapter 446 of the Laws of Malta is discharging her on condition that she does not commit an other offence in the period of eighteen (18) months. The Court is also ordering the destruction of the substance exhibited (Dok NS6) under the supervision of the Registrar of this Court.

The Court explained to the defendant in ordinary language the significance of this judgement and of the consequences should she commit an other offence in the period of eighteen months.

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