



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

**Magistrate Dr. Joseph Mifsud B.A. (Legal & Int. Rel.),
B.A. (Hons), M.A. (European), LL.D.**

**The Police
(Inspector Kurt Zahra)
(Inspector Bernard Charles Spiteri)**

vs.

**Mandea Florica
Feraru Georgeta**

Number: 81/2015

Today 17th of November 2015

The Court,

Having seen the charges¹ brought against **Mandea Florica**, of Romanian nationality, born at Pucioasa Jud. Dombovita on the 17th October 1956, with identity card number DD610390 and **Feraru Georgeta** of Romanian nationality, born at Moliveni Jud. Galati on the 26th September 1967, with identity card number GL681517, charged that on the 26th August 2015 at about 0945hrs, from Tresor D`Or (Jewellery) situated in Palm Street, Victoria (Gozo), committed theft of jewellery, which theft is aggravated by violence and value, exceeding two thousand three hundred twenty nine Euros and 37 cents (€2329.37), to the detriment of Paul Farrugia or other persons.

The Court was kindly requested that when pronouncing judgement or in any subsequent order, sentence the person or persons convicted, jointly or severally, to the payment, wholly or in part, to the registrar, of the costs incurred in connection with the employment in the proceedings of any expert or referee, including such experts as would have been appointed in the examination of the process verbal of the inquiry, within such period and in such amount as shall be determined in the judgement or order.

Having seen all the documents exhibited in the acts of these proceedings;

Having heard accused plead guilty to the charge brought against them during today's sitting;

After having warned the accused of the serious consequences of their guilty plea and in particular warned them that the maximum punishment for the charge brought against them was of nine years imprisonment.

After giving the accused sufficient time to consult their lawyer to see whether they would like to reconsider their position and after consulting with their lawyer the accused confirmed their guilty plea.

Having seen the minutes of today's hearing;

Having heard submissions by the parties, all agreeing on the punishment to be meted out to the accused;

Considers;

That in view of the guilty plea to the charge brought against them, and since there is no reason emanating from these proceedings why this Court should not accept such plea, it is the duty of this Court to proceed with judgement and declare the accused xxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxxxx guilty as charged.

In the context of punishment to be meted out to the accused, the Court is taking into consideration the following factors namely that the accused cooperated with the police once they were returned to the Maltese

Islands and that the accused pleaded guilty to the charge at the earliest opportunity in these proceedings.

In view of the above, the Court after having seen articles 261 (a) and (b), 262 (1) (b), 267 and 279 (b) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta finds the accused Manda Florica and Feraru Georgeta guilty of all the charges brought against them and condemns them to twenty four (24) months imprisonment.

The Court orders that a copy of the acts together with the judgement be notified to the Attorney General.

Dr. Joseph Mifsud
Magistrate