

**Court of Magistrates (Malta)  
As a Court of Criminal Judicature**

**Magistrate Dr Josette Demicoli LL.D**

**The Police  
(Superintendent Ian Joseph Abdilla)**

**Vs**

**Ravi Kumar**

Today 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against the accused Ravi Kumar, 33 years old, son of Vireshpal and Kusumrani, born in Mahabat Pur Baoli, India on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 1982, with no fixed address in Malta and holder of Indian passport number G4410612 issued by the authorities of Ghaziabad, and expires on the 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017:

With having, on these islands, on the 18th May 2015 and in the preceding days, without lawful authority or lawful or reasonable excuse, purchased or received from any person, or had in his custody or possession, forged Euro currency note knowing the same to be forged.

The Court is also hereby kindly requested that in case of a finding of guilt of the accused, apart from inflicting the punishment prescribed at Law, also orders the forfeiture of all the objects exhibited in these proceedings.

However, if, in the course of criminal proceedings, the court deems it necessary to order the destruction of the counterfeit currency notes or coins, it shall consult with the Central Bank of Malta beforehand and shall, if and as the Central Bank may require, refrain from ordering their destruction and proceed to consign such currency notes or coins to the central Bank for examination.

The Court is also hereby kindly requested that, in pronouncing judgment or in any subsequent order, sentence the person/s 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, within such period and in such amount as shall be determined in the judgment or order, as per Section 533 of Chapter 9 of the Law of Malta.

Having seen the note of the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 wherein the Attorney General indicated the articles of law under which the accused is to be tried.

Having heard the accused declare that he does not object to his case being tried summarily by this Court.

Having heard witnesses.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charge brought against him, notwithstanding the fact that the Court warned him in the most solemn manner of the legal consequences of his guilty plea after having given him sufficient time within which to reconsider and withdraw his guilty plea;

Having heard the prosecution and defence counsel make their submissions.

Having seen all the acts and documents exhibited;

Considers:

The accused is accused that whilst he was going to leave Malta to Turkey he was carrying a large amount of money, €106,200, which resulted to be counterfeited. The accused has submitted a guilty plea.

Thus, having heard the guilty plea of the accused to the charge brought against him the Court has no alternative but to declare the accused guilty of the charge brought against him.

With regards to punishment the Court took into consideration the circumstances of the case, the nature of the seriousness of the offence and the accused's clean record sheet.

In view of the above, the Court, after having seen article 18 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and article 46 of Chapter 204 of the Laws of Malta, upon admission finds the accused guilty of the charge brought against him and condemns him to thirteen (13) months imprisonment.

The Court orders forfeiture of the notes exhibited and furthermore orders that the notes which have been exhibited in the acts of this case (Dok RM1 and RM2) shall be consigned by the Registrar of the Court to a person appointed namely Robert Mifsud for such a purpose by the Central Bank of Malta, so that same Bank may destroy or otherwise dispose of in such a manner and under such conditions as it may determine in accordance with article 50(2)(3) of Chapter 204 of the Laws of Malta

Moreover, in terms of Article 533 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta the Court orders Ravi Kumar to pay the amount of €576.21 representing the costs incurred in connection with Court-appointed experts. The total amount is to be paid within six (6) months otherwise the amount will be converted into imprisonment.

Magistrate  
Dr Josette Demicoli LL.D

