



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

Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.

Today, 26th of January, 2017

**The Police
(Inspector Silvio Magro)**

vs

Gabriel Craig Murphy

The Court,

Having seen the charges against Gabriel Craig Murphy, and holder of USA Passport 48837683.

Charged with having at the Malta International Airport and on these islands on the 25th of January, 2017 about 15:30hrs and in the preceding days and times, in Malta by means of several acts committed by the accused even if at different times, which acts constitute violations of the same provisions of the law;

1. Kept in any premises or have in his possession, under his control or carry outside any premises or appurtenances any firearm or ammunition listed in Part 1 of Schedule III, without a Commissioner

- of Police Licence (This in breach of section 5.1 of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta).
2. Without a licence or permit from the Commissioner, imported or brought into or export from Malta a firearm make Glock International Series number ZTX648 (This in breach of section 5.2 of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta).
 3. Kept in his possession or in any premises or use any of the firearms listed under Part 1 of Schedule III unless such possession or intended use has been declared in writing to the Commissioner of the Police. (This in breach of section 35.3 of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta).

The Court was requested in case of finding of guilt, apart from inflicting the punishment prescribed at Law, TO also order the forfeiture of all the objects exhibited in these proceedings.

Having seen the consent of the Attorney General for this case to be tried summarily and that the defendant had no objection to the case being so tried.

Having heard defendant admit the charges brought against him and confirm this admission of guilt even after having been given time to reconsider his plea.

Having seen the acts of the proceedings.

Having heard the submissions regarding the penalty to be meted out.

Having considered

The defendant admitted the charges brought against him; these are consequently sufficiently proved.

With regards the penalty to be meted out the Court took into consideration the nature of the charges, defendant's cooperation with the police, and his admission at the earliest stage of the proceedings.

Wherefore the Court after having seen sections 5(1)(2) and 35 of Chapter 480 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds defendant guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to six months imprisonment which by application of section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta are being suspended for a period of eighteen months and condemns him also to a

fine of four hundred Euros (€400.00). Furthermore and by application of section 56 of the said Chapter 480 the Court is ordering the forfeiture of the firearm and the ammunition seized, and by application of section 57 of the said Chapter 480 the Court is prohibiting the defendant from holding any license under Chapter 480 for a period of five years.

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

DR. DOREEN CLARKE
MAGISTRAT