



**IN THE COURTS OF MAGISTRATES (MALTA)
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL JUDICATURE**

Magistrate Dr. Monica Vella LL.D., M.Jur

Police

(Inspector Jonathan Cassar)

vs

Alberto Taravilla Marin

Today, 27th March, 2019

The Court;

Having seen the accusations brought against:

“Alberto Taravilla Marin, holder of Spanish passport bearing number AAD559200;

And charge him with having on these islands, on the 21st March 2019, and the previous months:

1. Imported or caused to be imported, or took any steps preparatory to import any dangerous drug (Cannabis Resin(

into Malta against the provisions of The Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta;

2. Had in his possession (otherwise than in the course of transit through Malta of the territorial waters thereof) the resin obtained from the plant Cannabis, or any other preparation of which such resin formed the base, in terms of Section 8 (a) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court is also 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 heard the guilty plea of the accused, as duly registered in today’s sitting being the first sitting of these proceedings;

Having seen the records of the case;

Having heard the submissions made by the Prosecution and by the Defence;

Having duly considered all the records of the case and all submissions made;

Considers:

That upon the accused’s guilty plea the Court finds the accused guilty as charged;

That in pronouncing its judgement the Court is hereby taking into consideration the fact that the accused is a first time offender here in Malta, that the accused registered an early guilty plea, that the accused collaborated with the Police, and also the nature and gravity of the accusations with which he is charged;

Thus, having seen Article 8(a) of Chapter 101 of the laws of Malta, the Court deals with the accused by conditionally discharging him with the specific condition that he does not commit any other offence within a period of three (3) years from today and condemns him to a multa of one thousand and five hundred Euros (€1,500) payable, upon the request of the accused, at one hundred Euros per month, together with the expenses of the experts which were appointed in the relative inquiry.

The Court explained to the accused in simple and clear language his obligations arising out of this judgement and the consequences should he not abide by the said judgement.

(ft) Magistrate Dr. Monica Vella LL.D, M. Jur.

(ft) Angelo Buttigieg

Deputy Registrar