



**IN THE MAGISTRATES COURT (MALTA)
AS A COURT OF CRIMINAL INQUIRY
MAGISTRATE DR. ELAINE MERCIECA BA. LL.D.**

Case No. 169/21

**THE POLICE
(Inspector Marshal Mallia)**

against

LUCAS JEAN PHILIPPE MARAUD

Today the 11th of October 2022

The Court,

Having seen the charges brought against Lucas Jean Philippe Maraud of twenty five (25) years born in France on the 15th of July 1996 son of Thierry and Joelle nee' Parmentier residing at Belvedere Court, Flat 4, Triq il-Qasam, is-Swieqi and holder of Maltese identity card number 258322A, accused of having on the 10th of October 2021 and the previous months in these islands;

1. Imported or caused to be imported or took any steps preparatory to import any dangerous drug (Cannabis Grass) 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 whole or any portion of the plant Cannabis in terms of Section 8(d) of the Chapter of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen the acts of the proceedings;

Having heard the testimonies;

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Having heard the defendant plead guilty to the charges brought against him, which guilty plea was re-confirmed after the Court gave him time to reconsider such plea and explained the consequences thereof;

Having seen the declaration made by the Prosecuting officer during his testimony whereby he declared that from the investigation it transpires that the amount of illegal substance imported was intended solely for the accused's personal use.

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

Considers:

The accused has admitted to the charges brought against him and thus these have been sufficiently proven;

With reference to the penalty to be meted out, the Court, is taking into consideration the nature of the offence for which the accused is pleading guilty, the nature and amount of substance merits of this case; the accused's guilty plea at the earliest stage possible, the criminal record and the declaration made by the Prosecuting Officer that the substance involved was intended for the accused's personal use.

Decide

For the above-mentioned reasons, this Court, after having seen articles 7, 8(a), 8(d), 15A, 22(1)(a) and 22(2)(b)(ii) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, upon his admission, finds the accused, Lucas Jean Philippe Maraud, guilty of the charges proffered against him and condemns him to the payment of a fine multa of five hundred Euros (Eur. 500).

The Court is also hereby ordering the destruction of illegal substance exhibited in these proceedings, once this judgement becomes final and definitive, which destruction should be done under the supervision of the Registrar, who shall also draw up a process verbal documenting the destruction procedure. The said process verbal shall be inserted in the records of these proceedings by not later than fifteen days from the said destruction.

MAGISTRATE DR. ELAINE MERCIECA BA. LL.D.



Christine Farrugia

Deputy Registrar