



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

**MAGISTRATE DR.
JOSEPH CASSAR**

Sitting of the 2nd September, 2004

Number 725/2004

The Police
(Inspector Joseph Mercieca)

VS

Benjamin Matthew Platten

The Court,

Having seen the charge against Benjamin Matthew Platten son of John and Doreen nee' unknown, born Scunthorpe, England on the 10th of November 1979 and residing at 55, Temple Road, Scunthorpe, England (lodged Room 541, Soreda Hotel, Qawra), holder of British passport no. 102283844.

Of having on the 1st of September 2004 at about 3a.m., in Qawra;

1. Assaulted Ivan Zahra, John Muscat and Engelbert Debono with a cutting and pointed instrument and caused them injuries of a slight nature, in terms of Section 221 (1) of Chapter 9, as certified by different doctors;
2. Willfully disturbed the public good order and/or the public peace (Sect. 338 (dd) of Chapter 9);
3. Carried a knife without a license from the Commissioner of Police (Sect. 13 (1) Of Chapter. 66).
4. At the time of committing a crime against the safety of the Government or against the person, or while committing a theft or damage against property, had in his possession a fire arm, an arm proper, or an imitation of a fire arm, or an imitation of an arm proper.

Having seen that at today's sitting the accused pleaded guilty and after the Court explained to him the consequences of such plea in the presence of defence council, registered the same plea.

Finds accused guilty.

Having seen section 221 (1) of Chapter 9 and section 13 (1) of chapter 66 finds accused guilty of the crimes falling under the said sections. The second charge falls under the first section above mentioned. The last section has not been proved and therefore accused is not guilty of the crime under this section.

Fines accused fifty Malta Liri (Lm 50) (multa).

Since it is expedient to provide for the safety of Ivan Zahra, John Muscat and Engelbert Debono, the Court orders the guilty party to enter into his own recognisance the sum of one hundred Malta Liri (Lm 100) for a period of one year.

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