



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

**MAGISTRATE DR.  
CONSUELO-PILAR SCERRI HERRERA**

Sitting of the 18 th May, 2006

Number 477/2006

**The Police  
Inspector Kevin Borg  
V**

**FERDINANDO PISCOPO**

**The Court**

Having seen that the accused **FERDINANDO PISCOPO**, aged 38, son of Pasquale and D'Auria nee Assunta, born in Arzanao, Napoli, on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1967, residing at Via G. Leopardi, 14, Arzana, Napoli, in possession of identity card number AK 0962439 was arraigned before her accused with having on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and the preceding months, on these islands, by means of several acts, even if at different times, that constituted violations of the same provision of the law, and committed in pursuance of the same design, carried out a commercial activity without a licence from the regulatory authority.

Having seen all the documents exhibited in the acts of these proceedings by the prosecution.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought forward against him on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006 when he was duly examined in terms of sections 370(4), 390(1) and 392 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court explained to the accused the consequences of his plea of guilt and after having given the accused sufficient time to reconsider his plea of guilt and saw that the same accused insisted on registering in the acts of these proceedings his plea of guilt, had no alternative but to register such plea.

In the light of the above plea of guilt which guilty plea was made voluntarily, expressly and unconditionally, the Court is satisfied that the accused is to be found guilty of the charges brought forward against him.

The Court considered that the accused co-operated with the prosecution from an early stage right from the beginning of the investigation, and the early plea of guilt registered in these proceedings during the first sitting; and so does not consider imprisonment to be a fit punishment in the circumstances.

Consequently **the Court**, having seen the relevant sections at law in particular article 18 of Chapter 9 and article 14(1) of Chapter 441 of the Laws of Malta, **decides to condemn the accused FERDINANDO PISCOPO to a fine of one hundred maltese liri.**

**The Court orders the confiscation of the documents exhibited in the acts of these proceedings.**

**< Final Judgement >**

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