



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

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

Sitting of the 7th May, 2007

Number 143/2007

**The Police
Inspector Pierre Grech
V**

SHIRLEY HELEN ANN TRAVERS

The Court

Having seen that the accused **SHIRLEY HELEN ANN TRAVERS** nee Riccardi, aged 42, wife of Tony Travers, daughter of Tony Riccardi and Sdhirley nee Lawrence born in the United Kingdom on the 21st February 1965 and residing at 34, The House, R. Buhagiar Street, Qrendi, holder of identity card number 373703L and British passport number 304196170 was arraigned before her accused with having in these Islands on the 6th May 2007:

a. been in his possession the drug Cocaine, a drug which is specified in the First Schedule of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta, when she was not in possession of an authorisation for its importation/exportation issued by the Chief Government Medical Officer as per Regulation 4 and Section 6 of the same Ordinance and when she was not in any way licensed or authorised to manufacture or supply the drug and when she was not in any other way authorised by the President of Malta in line with the 1939 Regulations regarding the Dangerous Drugs [GN 292/1939] to have the same drug in her possession and when she failed to prove that the Cocaine in her possession had been acquired by herself through a lawful prescription as is laid down in the regulation published in 1939 for the Internal Control of Dangerous Drugs [GN 292/1939] as subsequently amended and this in violation of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta;

b. for having been in possession of psychotropic and restricted drug [ecstasy] without a special authorisation in writing by the Superintendent of Public Health in breach of the provisions of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance, Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta and the Drug Control Regulations, Legal Notice 22 of 1985 as amended.

The Court saw all the documents exhibited by the prosecution in particular the Fiat of the Attorney General so that this case is dealt with summarily dated 7th May 2007, exhibited as document CSH 3 issued in terms of Section 22(2) of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen also document CSH 4 which is another Fiat issued by the Attorney General issued in terms of Section 120(A) of Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta so that this case will be dealt with summarily.

Having seen also the relevant statements released by the accused and this a tempo vergine of the investigations

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dated 6th and 7th May 2007 which statements are marked documents CSH 5 and CSH 6.

The Court heard the prosecution declare that the accused collaborated in full with them throughout these investigations.

It also took note of the clean conduct sheet of the accused even though the accused is resident here in Malta.

Took note also of the negligible amount of drugs found in the possession of the accused and this was only for personal use.

In these circumstances, the Court after having seen the relevant sections at law, in particular Section 4 and 6 of Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta and Section 22 of Chapter 31 of the Laws of Malta, **declares to find the accused SHIRLEY HELEN ANN TRAVERS guilty** upon her own admission and thus consequently **condemns the her to eighteen [18] months imprisonment which period is being suspended for a period of three [3] years in terms of Section 28A of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta.**

The Court also nominates Godwin Sammut to withdraw the drug exhibited in these proceedings for its destruction.

The Court explained the importance of this judgment to the accused and what would happen should she fail to observe it.

< Final Judgement >

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