

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

MAGISTRATE DR. CONSUELO-PILAR SCERRI HERRERA

Sitting of the 20 th October, 2010

Number. 1071/2010

The Police Inspector Mario Haber V

MORRIS WADIALI

Sitting held today, 20th October 2010.

The Court

Having seen that the accused **MORRIS WADIALI**, Nigerian national born in Edo States, Nigeria on the 1st of January 1990, son of Wadiali and Esther, known with police number 09E-029 presently residing at the Hal-Far Open Centre, was arraigned before her and accused:-

1. With having, on the 19th October 2010 in these islands forged, altered or tampered with a Residence Permit Card or used or had in his

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possession a Residence Permit Card which he knew to be forged, altered or tampered with, in the name of Anthony Enanga Lay bearing number E10852872 (Sect. 5 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta).

2. Also with having on the same date, time and circumstances committed any other kind of forgery, or have knowingly made use of any other forged document, in the mentioned documents (Sect. 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta).

3. Also with having on the same date, time and circumstances forged any document or true copy of a document or an entry made in pursuance of this act (Sect. 32 (1d) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta).

Having seen all the documents exhibited in the acts of these proceedings by the Prosecution in particular the police documentation, photocopy of Residence Permit Card, photocopy of Air Malta flight ticket and also the original flight ticket exhibited 'animo ritirandi'.

Having heard the accused declare that he understands the English language well and that he understood the charges brought forward against him by the prosecution.

Having heard the accused plead guilty to the charges brought forward against him.

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. Having heard the pitiful circumstances that surround the case, in particular that the accused wanted to leave Malta to look for a better future, since in Malta he is jobless and spends all day doing nothing in the open Centre.

Having heard the prosecution declare that the accused collaborated with her fully, and this from the early stages of the proceedings.

Having heard the prosecution state that it has no objection that the Court awards punishment towards the minimum.

Thus the Court having seen the relevant Sections at Law in particular Section 5 of Chapter 61, Section 32 (1d) of Chapter 217 and Section 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta decides to find the accused MORRIS WADIALI guilty of the charges brought against him by the prosecution and condemns him for a period of three (3) months imprisonment.

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