

**In the Court of Magistrates (Malta)  
As Court of Criminal Judicature**

**Magistrat Dr.Noel Cuschieri LLD Mag.Jur. (Euro.  
Law)**

*Drugs 09/02*

The Police  
*Inspector Josric Mifsud*  
*Inspector Sandro Zarb*  
vs  
*Michelle Cecilia Cooper*

Today 28 January 2002

The Court,

Having seen the records of the proceedings;

Having heard the evidence;

Having heard the submissions of the parties;

Having considered,

That the charge brought against the accused is based on the crime of **illegal possession of the drug raza** prepared from the plant cannabis during the months of October, November and December 2001.

The accused pleaded guilty as charged and therefore the charges brought against her are considered to have been satisfactorily proven

to Law. Regarding the punishment to be inflicted the Court considers the two following factors to be highly relevant:

1. That the prosecution informed the Court that this is the first offence committed by the accused on these islands;
2. That the prosecution declared that the accused had given valuable information to the Police and in it's opinion the application of Article 29 of Chapter 101 is appropriate;

In view of these circumstances the Court is of the opinion that it should grant a conditional discharge to the accused.

On the strength of the above the Court finds the accused guilty as charged and - after having seen regulation 8 of GN 292/39 - and in terms of Section 9 of Chapter 152 *discharges the accused on condition that she does not commit another offence in these Islands within twelve months from this date.*

The Court has explained to the accused in ordinary and clear language the legal significance of the above section of the Law.

*Dr.Noel Cuschieri*  
*Magistrat*

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*Bruno Zahra*  
*Deputy Registrar*