



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

**MAGISTRATE DR.  
GABRIELLA VELLA**

Sitting of the 27 th January, 2012

Number 84/2012

**Police  
(Inspector Mario Haber)**

**vs**

**Markos Teshome Lema**

**The Court,**

After having seen the charge brought against Markos Teshome Lema, an Ethiopian National, born in Ethiopia on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 1988, son of Teshoma and Ajelej, holder of Police N° 09P-092 and holder of Maltese Identity Card Number 60928(A) of having on a date in April 2011, as a person landing or embarking in or from Malta, failed to be in possession of a passport and failed to provide the Principal Immigration Officer the prescribed information

and such other information that the Principal Immigration Officer may deem proper to require in terms of Section 28 of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta.

After having examined the documents submitted by the Prosecuting Officer and all the other records of the case;

After having heard the accused plead guilty to the charge brought against him notwithstanding the fact that the Court in terms of Section 453(1) of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, warned him in the most solemn manner of the legal consequences of his guilty plea after having given him sufficient time within which to reconsider and withdraw his guilty plea;

After having heard submissions by the Defence Counsel and the Prosecution regarding punishment;

**Considers:**

In the light of the guilty plea submitted by the accused, the Court finds him guilty of the charge brought against him.

With regards to the punishment the Court took into account the nature of the charge brought against the accused but also took into account the fact that the accused has a clean conviction sheet and that he submitted an early guilty plea.

After having considered Section 28 and Section 32(1)(g) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta, the Court whilst confirming that it finds the accused guilty of the charge brought against him, condemns him to six (6) months imprisonment with effect from date of this judgement.

**< Final Judgement >**

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