



**Court of Magistrates (Malta)
As a Court of Criminal Judicature**

Magistrate Dr. Doreen Clarke LL.D.

Today, the 20th December, 2015

**The Police
(Inspector Mario Haber)**

vs

Joseph Frimpong

The Court,

Having seen the charges against Joseph Frimpong holder of Ghanaian passport, number H2698918, without residence.

Charged with having on the 18th December, 2015 in these Islands forged, altered or tampered with an Italian Residence Permit Card or used or had in his possession the mentioned document which he knew to be forged, altered or tampered with, in his name bearing number number I05368148. (Cap 61, Section 5 of the Laws of Malta).

Charged 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 (Cap 9, Section 189 of the Laws of Malta).

Charged 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 (Cap 217, Section 32 (1d) of the Laws of Malta).

Having seen articles 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, 5 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta, and 32(1)(d) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta.

Having seen that the defendant admitted the charges brought against him and confirmed this admission of guilt even after having been given time to reconsider his plea.

Having seen the acts of the proceedings.

Having heard the submissions regarding the penalty to be meted out.

Having considered

That the defendant admitted the charges brought against him; these are consequently sufficiently proved.

With regards to the penalty to be meted out the Court considered on the one hand the nature of the offences of which the defendant is being found guilty, and on the other hand his cooperation with the police and his admission at the earliest stage of these proceedings.

For these reasons the Court, after having seen articles 189 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta, 5 of Chapter 61 of the Laws of Malta, and 32(1)(d) of Chapter 217 of the Laws of Malta, on his admission finds defendant guilty of the charges brought against him and condemns him to six (6) months imprisonment.

DR. DOREEN CLARKE
MAGISTRATE