

ARB/C037/2026 – SEIZING AND FREEZING ORDER

IT IS BEING NOTIFIED that by a decree dated 8th April 2026 given by the Court of Magistrates (Malta) as a Court of Criminal Judicature – (Magistrate Dr Antoine Agius Bonnici LL.D.). Compilation Number 2094/2026, in the case:

The Republic of Malta

Versus

MATTHEW ABELA, 43 years, son of Dominic and Mary-Anne nee' Sant, born in Pieta', on the 10th August 1982, and residing at "24, Mayo, Triq tas-Sliema, Gzira" and holder of a Maltese Identification Document bearing number 431082M.

The Court is issuing a "Seizure and Freezing Order" and is seizing, in the hands of third parties, in general, all monies and movable property that are due to, pertain to, or are the property of **MATTHEW ABELA**. It also prohibits the accused from transferring or otherwise disposing of any movable or immovable property, in terms of Article 23A of the Criminal Code, Chapter 9 of the Laws of Malta and Article 22A of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, Chapter 101 of the Laws of Malta.

The Court is authorising that the accused may, for the duration that this Freezing Order remains in force, receive the amount permitted by law, provided that the sources, method, and other modalities of payment are first specified, including salary, wages, pension, and social benefits paid to the accused.

Any person who acts in contravention of the Court order mentioned in Article 23A and Article 22A, referred to above shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine (*multa*) not exceeding eleven thousand, six hundred and forty-six Euro and eighty-seven cents (€11,646.87), or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Any transfer or other disposal of any property made in contravention of the said Court order shall be null and without effect at law.

Today, _____ April 2026

Ms Eunice Grech Fiorini
Director, Asset Recovery Bureau

ARB/C037/2026 – ORDNI TA' QBID U IFFRIŻAR

IKUN JAF KULHADD illi b' digriet mogħti fit-8 ta' April, 2026 mill-Qorti tal-Maġistrati (Malta) bhala Qorti ta' Ġudikatura Kriminali – (Maġistrat Dr Antoine Agius Bonnici LL.D.). Kumpilazzjoni Numru 2094/2026, fil-kawża fl-ismijiet:

Ir-Repubblika ta' Malta

Kontra

MATTHEW ABELA, ta' 43 sena, iben Dominic u Mary-Anne xebba' Sant, imwielel il-Pieta', fl-10 ta' Awissu, 1982, u resident ġewwa 24, Mayo, Triq tas-Sliema, Gzira u detentur ta' karta tal-Identifikazzjoni Maltija bin-numru 431082M.

Il-Qorti qed tordna “Ordni ta' Qbid u Friżar” u t'issekwestra f'idejn terzi persuni b'mod ġenerali l-flejjes u l-propjetà mobbli kollha li jkunu dovuti lill **MATTHEW ABELA** jew ikunu jmissu lilu jew ikunu propjetà tiegħu, tipprojbixxi lill l-imputat milli jittrasferixxi jew xort' oħra jiddisponi minn xi propjetà mobbli jew immobbli, ai termini tal-Artikolu 23A tal-Kodiċi Kriminali, tal-Kapitolu 9 tal-Ligijiet ta' Malta u tal-Artikolu 22A tal-Ordinanza dwar il-Medicini Perikoluza, tal-Kapitolu 101 tal-Ligijiet ta' Malta.

Il-Qorti qed tawtorizza li l-imputat jista', tul iż-żmien li jkun fis-seħħ dan l-Ordni ta' Friżar, jirċievi s-somma skont il-liġi, b'dana li qabel għandhom jiġu speċifikati l-għejjun il-mod u modalitajiet oħra ta' hlas, inklużi salarju, paga, pensjoni u benefiċċji soċjali li jithallsu lill imputat.

Kull persuna li tagħmel xi haġa bi ksur tal-ordni tal-Qorti msemmi fl-Artikolu 22A, tkun hatja ta' reat u tehel meta tinstab hatja multa ta' mhux iżjed minn ħdax-il elf, sitt mija u sitta u erbghin Euro u sebgha u tmenin ċenteżmu (€11,646.87) jew priġunerija għal żmien ta' mhux iżjed minn tnax-il xahar, jew dik il-multa u priġunerija flimkien.

Kull trasferiment ieħor jew tneħhija oħra ta' propjetà li jsiru bi ksur ta' dik l-ordni tal-Qorti jkunu nulli u ma jkollhom ebda effett fil-liġi.

Illum, _____ ta' April 2026

Is-Sinjura Eunice Grech Fiorini
Direttur, Uffiċju għall-Irkupru tal-Assi