

24th May, 2021

Mr. Didier Reynders,
European Commissioner for Justice,
Rue de la Loi 1049,
Brussels,
Belgium

Dear Mr. Reynders,

Re: Assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the rule of law in Malta

I write to you on behalf of my clients George Degiorgio and Alfred Degiorgio who currently are under preventive custody at Corradino Correctional Services Agency, Paola, Malta and are accused of having assassinated Daphne Caruana Galizia.

As you might be aware, my clients have recently requested the President of the Republic of Malta to grant them a Presidential Pardon in exchange for direct information and knowledge they have about the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and other very serious crimes committed in the past in Malta.

Amongst the information offered by my clients, they indicated that they can directly identify the involvement of a previous Minister of the Government of Malta as a mastermind in the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the involvement of a previous Minister of the Government of Malta and a current Minister of the Government of Malta in very serious crimes which happened in the past.

My clients' requests for a Presidential Pardon have been rejected by the President of Malta acting on the recommendation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Government after advice was tendered by the Attorney General and the Commissioner of Police. Contrary to what happened in the cases of the Presidential Pardons granted to Melvin Theuma and Vincent Muscat, the authorities mentioned did not question my clients about the information they hold. No meetings were held and no information was requested.

My clients have instructed me to reach out to you to explain their genuine concern that the authorities or institutions in Malta do not want to hear the information they have since said information reveals the involvement of a previous Minister of the Government of Malta and former high ranking official of the ruling party (Dr. Chris Cardona) in the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the involvement of the same previous Minister of the Government of Malta and a current senior Minister of the Government of Malta (Hon. Carmelo Abela) in very serious crimes committed in the past. These serious crimes include, amongst others, complicity in armed robbery.

With regard to the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the involvement of the then Minister for the Economy (and Deputy Leader of the ruling Party) Dr. Chris Cardona, my clients have been in a position to provide first-hand information to the Police (but were never asked by the Police to provide said information, alas) detailing, amongst others:

1. The involvement of the same Dr. Chris Cardona in the original 2015 plot to assassinate Daphne Caruana Galizia, which plan was never executed for reasons which could have been provided to the Police had my clients' repeated requests to be listened to were heeded by the Police;
2. The involvement of an intermediary instructed by Dr. Chris Cardona in the original 2015 plot to assassinate Daphne Caruana Galizia;
3. The time and location of meeting held with the said Dr. Chris Cardona personally and with his intermediary;
4. The payment which Dr. Chris Cardona agreed to pay for this plan to be executed and the part payment actually made;
5. The involvement of the same Dr. Chris Cardona in connection with the actual assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia.

With regard to the other serious crimes mentioned, again my clients have been and are in possession of evidence showing in detail the names and details of the masterminds of those crimes, two of whom were the same Dr. Chris Cardona and Hon. Carmelo Abela and then members of the Malta Police Force amongst others. In particular, in connection with the attempted heist on HSBC in 2010, which resulted in a shoot out with the Police, my clients have been in a position to help the Police with information showing and detailing, amongst others:

1. The times and locations of meetings held in the preparation of the planned heist between the masterminds and others including but not limited to Dr. Chris Cardona, Hon. Carmelo Abela and then members of the Malta Police Force;
2. The details concerning the planned payments from the stolen cash to be divided amongst all those involved;
3. The confidential information and equipment which Hon. Carmelo Abela, who in 2010 was the Insurance officer employed by the HSBC Head Office, provided and was essential for the heist to take place;
4. The involvement and complicity of then members of the Malta Police Force;

These are just SOME of the concrete informational facts which my clients have been in possession of for some time.

Furthermore, there is a serious conflict of interest due to the fact that my clients are offering information showing the involvement of the State in the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia and the involvement of Ministers of Government (previous and current) in other very serious crimes and hence the State can never fairly assess any requests made by them. It was therefore foreseeable that any information offered by my clients would be blocked and it was for this reason that at an early stage after the charges against them were issued my clients requested to speak to two members of the European Parliament.

My clients are willing to meet your goodself or a person of your trust, members of the EUROPOL, the Maltese Prime Minister and/or members of the press and explain the details of the information they hold as well as their genuine concerns regarding the possibility of existence of a vested interest in protecting the abovementioned persons.

To make sure that this communication to your goodself is not misunderstood as impinging in any way or form on the current criminal proceedings underway in the Criminal Court of Malta against my clients in connection with the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia, my clients are hereby declaring that the facts shared with you here above do not impact nor are intended to influence their line of defence in those criminal proceedings. What they are sharing with you here is without prejudice to and not excluding their arguments in the Criminal Court.

My clients wish to put the above on record and humbly request intervention in order that justice in Malta is served evenly and not selectively.

Sincerely,



Dr. William Cuschieri