

## **Group Shares Meal, Support for Parlak**

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Harbert, MI - Supporters of a man accused of terrorist ties were meeting Monday night, putting together their plan before he heads to court next week.

The group will be rallying support for Ibrahim Parlak.

Back in July, Parlak was taken into custody by the Department of Homeland Security after being called a threat to security post-9/11 times. It is now the seventeenth week since Parlak was detained.

Christina Worthington, a part of the group, explains, "When he was first taken in we were talking a lot about Turkey and Turkish documents and Olivia turned to me and said, don't you want a turkey now?"

Every week since then, the group has met to have a Thanksgiving dinner together, complete with turkey, while working on the "Free Ibrahim" campaign.

Worthington added, "We are from different parts of community not really friends but this has brought us all together so I think we will continue this."

Each week more have joined in after hearing that Parlak was taken into custody by Homeland Security. Last week, several people who don't know Ibrahim came from Holland. Most of them come from different backgrounds yet have one thing in common: Ibrahim.

Ibrahim Parlak was detained by the Department of Homeland Security in July

Explains supporter Martin Dzuris, "My main interest in this is that he is treated fairly that he gets justice and his side is heard."

Every Monday Parlak calls to get an update on what's going on before he heads to court. However, this is the last Monday though they will meet before the group takes a bus to Detroit, where Parlak's hearing will be. And they hope next time they have a turkey dinner, Parlak will be there in person.

Explains Dzuris, "We hope so this is the last time we meet to get him out of prison, that the next time we meet it is going to be a celebration."

Parlak will be in immigration court in Detroit on Monday, and the trial is expected to go until Tuesday.

NewsCenter 16 will be in Detroit and have live coverage from the hearing.