

Day Two of Ibrahim Parlak Trial Wraps Up

Yesterday the government made its case against Ibrahim Parlak. Tuesday it was the defense team's turn to make its case.

Parlak again took the witness stand. The defense tried to counter the government's claim that Parlak is a terrorist by taking each of his actions while in Turkey years ago and separating them. They tried to paint him as a political separatist rather than a violent terrorist.

Parlak has called himself a fighter. In court Tuesday, he explained his definition of a fighter comparing himself to African Americans fighting for civil rights and Mother Teresa fighting for the poor.

Parlak also reiterated that he never fired his weapons during the conflict on the Syrian-Turkish border. He simply had them for survival and self-defense.

The prosecution made its closing remarks in court Tuesday, saying Parlak in every way fits the definition of a terrorist, whereas the defense has yet to make their closing remarks. They will do so and submit them in written form to the judge in the case.

It is unclear as of now when the final decision in this case will be made, as the judge will have to first receive that statement, and then weigh the evidence.

She is expected to give a written decision sometime later on as to whether or not Parlak will be deported. However, it is possible that a decision may not be made until after the holidays.