

THE CITADEL DANCE CENTER
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To Whom It May Concern:

My husband, Scott Elliott and I have known Ibrahim Parlak and his daughter, Livia, for approximately 3 years. We have a number of friends in common, as well.

During that time Ibrahim has shown a great deal of concern for the community. He has contributed food from his restaurant to several of our dance school events. Livia has been a student in my dance school.

We strongly believe Ibrahim to be a person of good character and wish to express our concern that he be given every consideration he is entitled to as a prospective citizen who has already shown that he is an outstanding member of our community.

Sincerely,

Eileen Cropley, Director, Citadel Dance Center

Scott Elliott, Candidate for U. S. Representative, Michigan's 6th District

Scott Elliott 5/1/05



AFFIDAVIT OF Kristina Brychta-Alden

**COUNTY OF Berrien)
STATE OF MICHIGAN)**

I, Kristina Brychta-Alden, being duly sworn under oath, does depose and declare as follows:

1. I live at 13868 Peach Street, Harbert, MI 49115. I am a self employed contractor in the real estate sales industry, in Harbert, Michigan where I have worked for 11 years.

2. I have known Ibrahim Parlak for 8 years, he is a kind and gentle man, a loving father, excellent neighbor and an asset to the business community. Through hard work he has built a restaurant business along with lasting personal and professional relationships in our community.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


Kristina-Brychta-Alden

Signed and sworn to
before me this 9TH
day of August, 2004:


Notary Public

**KRISTAL SHUCK
NOTARY PUBLIC, BERRIEN CO., MI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 7, 2009**

9 August 2004

For the past six years I have owned a business across from Ibrahim Parlak's Café Gulistan. During that time I have come to know Ibrahim as a community leader, fellow business owner, gardener, family man, and father.

He has been active in the local business community, participating in Chamber of Commerce events and functions, speaking on behalf of the neighbors at township board meetings, and actively working to preserve the natural character of the area.

Over the last 10 years, Ibrahim has built a thriving and highly rated restaurant in Harbert Michigan, recently voted the # 1 ethnic restaurant along a 100 mile stretch of Lake Michigan coastline. He is currently in the middle of a construction project to expand his restaurant.

I know Ibrahim as a gentle gardener. His gardens at Café Gulistan are annually the talk of the area, especially his hollyhocks, and he started what has now become the norm in Harbert, that of expansive gardens alongside businesses which serve to beautify the area. We often share gardening advice and share plants with each other.

Ibrahim is devoted to his family. He employs his brother, niece, and other family members at Café Gulistan. Most importantly, he is father to 7 year old Livia. He shares in the schooling, care, and nurturing of her on a daily basis. He is completely involved in the life and upbringing of Livia.

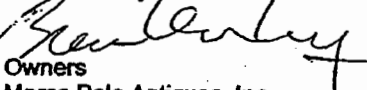
Ibrahim Parlak has built a life in America, in Harbert Michigan, in his community, and with his family. I know Ibrahim as a gentle soul who presents no danger to any individual or to our national security. He is a positive force in the fabric of life here, and taking him away from his life and family here will have a profoundly negative impact on us all, especially his daughter Livia.

Signed

Alan DeBaugh



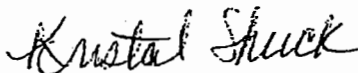
Brian Overley



Owners

Marco Polo Antiques, Inc.
269.469.6272
13630 Red Arrow Highway
Harbert, Michigan

SIGNED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME THIS 9TH
Day of August, 2004.



KRISTAL SHUCK
NOTARY PUBLIC, BERRIEN CO., MI
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 7, 2009



AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL GAZZOLO

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Paul Gazzolo, being duly sworn under oath, does depose and declare as follows:

1. I live at 86 Beechwood Road, Summit, New Jersey 07901 at (908) 273-8779. I am employed as the Chief Operating Officer of LexisNexis Martindale-Hubbell, at 121 Chanlon Road, New Providence, New Jersey 07974 at (908) 665-6743, where I have worked for 2 years.

2. I have known Ibrahim Parlak for over ten years as a close family friend. Through these years I have come to know Ibrahim as a man of strength, integrity and compassion.

As a political refugee, Ibrahim started in the US a decade ago with virtually nothing. He learned the English language and worked as a cook in restaurants to support himself. He then opened his restaurant Café Gulistan doing virtually everything himself to build up the establishment—from cooking to construction and everything in between. Because of his fair dealings and excellent product, he developed loyal customers and loyal employees. He has bought property for his residence and business and has brought in family members who are, in turn, contributing to the community and local economy.

Most of my experience with Ibrahim is on the personal level starting through his relationship with my sister, Michele. Originally, they were romantically involved producing a daughter Livia. Now, their relationship is platonic. Had they decided to marry, I would have been proud to call Ibrahim a brother. I still think of him that way. He continues to be a part of family functions playing an important role. Last winter, when my sister Michele had surgery for cancer, Ibrahim was at her side. He was both compassionate to everyone's needs and resourceful in managing the logistics of her care, often sacrificing his own time and never asking for anything in return.

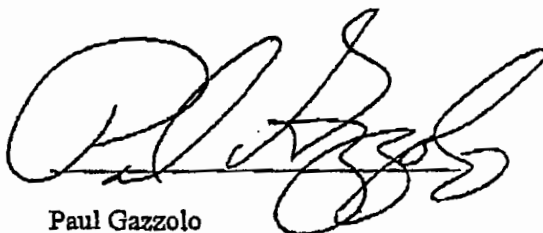
Most important, Ibrahim has shown himself to be a loving parent of Livia, my seven year-old niece. He is involved daily in her life, attending school functions and caring for her. An affectionate father, he contributes in many ways to her development and welfare. So high is our confidence in Ibrahim that my wife and I entrusted him with our seven year-old daughter for a sleepover with her cousin at Ibrahim's house, last December. We would do this again without hesitation.

Against all this, I am challenged to believe Ibrahim presents a threat to our national security. If there were evidence or charges being presented, something that is afforded even our most violent criminals, at least Ibrahim could confront them. In lieu of due process, I am left believing that Ibrahim's incarceration is a result of two factors: a) he is a pawn in US dealings with the Turkish Government; or b) he is the victim of a misguided effort to secure our homeland.

If the Turkish government is using our increased security concerns to round up dissident Kurds, including ones who have already served sentences for their political activism, then our government should remember that it provided political asylum for Ibrahim over ten years ago and since then he has been nothing but a model citizen. On the other hand, if Ibrahim fits some racial profile for screening as a homeland security risk, then I am outraged that my tax dollars are going toward violating someone's civil rights while our country is at risk from *real* dangers without and within.

As a friend of Ibrahim, an uncle to his daughter, and a citizen of the US, I urge that his rights be respected and that justice be served quickly and fairly.

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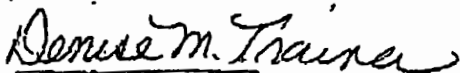


Paul Gazzolo

Signed and sworn to

before me this 9th

day of August, 2004:



Notary Public

DENISE M. TRAINA
 NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
 My Commission Expires 1/30/2007

AFFIDAVIT OF REBECCA SUE GLOE

COUNTY OF BERRIEN

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

I, REBECCA SUE GLOE, BEING DULY SWORN UNDER OATH, DOES DEPOSE AND DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. I LIVE AT 4106 W. HANOVER ROAD, THREE OAKS, MI 49128, PHONE 269-426-3900. I OWN ADVANTAGE ACCOUNTING AT 13400 RED ARROW HIGHWAY, SAWYER, MI, WHERE I HAVE WORKED FOR 8 YEARS.
- 2. I HAVE KNOWN IBRAHIM PARLAK FOR 7 YEARS. HE HAS BEEN A CLIENT OF MY FIRM, ADVANTAGE ACCOUNTING, SINCE 1998. OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE COME TO KNOW IBRAHIM AS A CLOSE FRIEND AS WELL AS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE. HE IS A DEDICATED FATHER TO HIS DAUGHTER LIVIA. HE IS AN ACTIVE CITIZEN IN OUR COMMUNITY, ALWAYS HELPING WITH CHARITY EVENTS AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS.
- 3. I BELIEVE IBRAHIM PARLAK WOULD BE AN ASSET TO OUR COUNTRY. HE LOVES THE UNITED STATES AND HE REPRESENTS THE KIND OF CITIZEN OUR COUNTRY WOULD BE PROUD TO HAVE.

FUTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


 REBECCA SUE GLOE

SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST, 2004.


 NOTARY PUBLIC

KRISTAL SHUCK
 NOTARY PUBLIC, BERRIEN CO., MI
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Jan 7, 2009



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Affidavit of Judith A Gosh

County of Berrien
State of Michigan

Judith A. Gosh, being duly sworn under oath, does depose and declare as follows:

I live at 10910 Old M-60, New Buffalo, Mi. 49117. Phone 1-269-469-1037. I own Kite's Kitchen and Retro Café in New Buffalo, Michigan . I opened the business in 1993.

I have known Ibrahim Parlak since he opened his Restaurant in 1994. He has worked hard to make his restaurant a success and to be an important member of our community. We often dine at each others restaurants and on many occasions we have worked on Chamber of Commerce and other community based projects together. We consider each other friends and hold each other in very high regard.

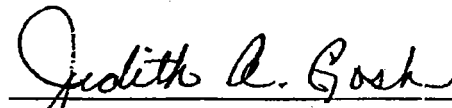
I have had the opportunity to spend time with Ibrahim and his family and he has always been a gentle, kind, and trustworthy person. Having started our businesses within months of each other, we have often shared ideas. I consider it an honor to know a man of such outstanding character.

Anyone who has ever seen him with his daughter Livia (We celebrated her 7th birthday in our dining room two weeks ago) can attest to his loving nature.

I find the thought that anyone could think this man is a danger to our national security, must never have met the man or made any inquiries of those who have known him, for a decade, in his adopted home.

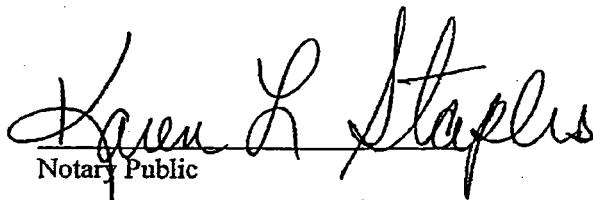
I would trust this man with my life, which is more than I can say about our Homeland Security Department.

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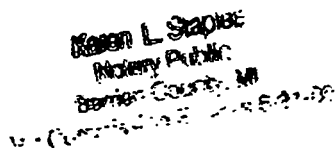


Judith A. Gosh

Signed and sworn before me this 9th
day of August 2004:



Notary Public


Karen L. Staples
Notary Public
Berrien County, MI
U.S. Commission Expires 12-31-06