

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CRIMINAL NO. 13-20772

Plaintiff,

HON. GERSHWIN DRAIN

RASMIEH ODEH

Defendant.

**MOTION AND BRIEF FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER
REVOKING DEFENDANT'S BOND PENDING SENTENCING**

NOW COMES Rasmieh Odeh, by her undersigned counsel, and respectfully requests that this honorable Court reconsider its order revoking her bond pending sentencing, based upon evidence which was not considered at the time her bond was revoked. Ms. Odeh now requests through counsel that the Court grant her bond, with any addition restrictions that the Court believes are necessary to ensure her appearance at her sentencing. In support of this motion the defendant states the following:

1. On November 10, 2014, following the return of a guilty verdict to her one count indictment, the Court revoked Ms. Odeh's bond.

2. At that time, counsel for Ms. Odeh requested the opportunity to call several witnesses and present other evidence relative to the government's claim that she presented a flight risk.
3. The Court Declined to hear that evidence, and went on to revoke her bail, ruling that she had not sustained her burden of showing by clear and convincing evidence that she was not a flight risk.
4. In reaching this decision, the Court made several findings that would have been rebutted by the proffered evidence, had it been heard.
5. Instead, the Court directed counsel to file a motion for reconsideration, and include an Offer, showing the testimony of these witnesses.
6. Among the findings made by the Court was that the Defendant did not have sufficient ties to the community, that her attempted escape from an Israeli prison in 1975 evidenced a lack of respect for authority, and that, now that she was convicted and facing possible prison time, she had no incentive to return to Court for sentencing.
7. Ms. Odeh is prepared to submit the following evidence to rebut these conclusions, as well as a response to erroneous and improper arguments made by the Government:

A. Ms. Odeh has unique and extraordinary ties to her community in Chicago, as shown in the first instance by the dozens of people

who traveled from Chicago to sit in silent support, observing her trial. In addition to the people who came to Court, there are many established community and religious leaders, from her Muslim faith and others, who are willing to come and testify in her behalf. Of particular significance is the letter signed by the staff members of the 8th Day Center for Justice, a Catholic Justice Organization, the letter from the National Network for Arab American Communities, one of the largest Arab service organization in the United States and the letter from Rev. Daniel Dale, Wellington, Wellington Ave., Church of Christ (letters included as Exhibit #1 to the attached Affidavit of Michael Deutsch)

B. Ms. Odeh is the Deputy Director for AAAN, a well-established service and advocacy organization, and has worked with the immigrant population of Chicago for almost ten years. It is simply altogether unlikely, indeed unthinkable, she would abandon that unique work or the people who rely upon her here. The Court's conclusion that she could do the same work anywhere in the world, where her work here has yielded such a broad and strong connection to people and community, appears beside the point.

- C. Attorney James Fennerty, a close friend who has known Ms. Odeh since 1984, even before she came to the United States, would testify that he is willing to have her live in his home, and to act as her custodian, assuring the Court that she would return for sentencing.
- D. The testimony of Lisa Kosowski and Rev. Don Wagner, who would both testify that they have worked with Ms. Odeh over the years, and do not believe there is any risk that she would attempt to flee the jurisdiction.
- E. In addition attached to the affidavit of Michael Deutsch are petition signed by members of Ms. Odeh's community whom she has mentored and worked with.
- F. In addition to her community, she also has two nephews living in Chicago, Osama Mashai and Mohammed Mashai, with whom she is very close, and has lived with in the past. They were both in Court at the time of her bail revocation and could have testified that they have close family relations with their Aunt.
- G. There are also people from Chicago, who are willing to post their homes as surety to guarantee Ms. Odeh's bond. The value of these homes exceeds \$500,000

- H. Ms. Odeh has no passport. Both her U.S. and Jordanian passports are in the possession of the Government, and it is false to claim that she would easily be able to obtain another Jordanian passport. In fact, if she wanted to return to Jordan she could have voluntarily departed by agreeing to the government's earlier plea offer.
- I. The government's argument that there is no extradition treaty with the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank is similarly specious, and unavailing, since the Palestinian Authority is not a sovereign state, and its foreign relations are strictly and totally controlled by the State of Israel, with whom the U.S has extraordinarily close relations, and an extradition treaty, as it also does with Jordan.
- J. Ms. Odeh, who suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder---which the Court heard extensive evidence about at the pre-trial hearing on October 21, 2014---will suffer greatly while confined in a County Jail, which has few facilities or accommodations for women, for the next five months until sentencing.¹ (See letter of Dr. Mary Fabri, exhibit #2 to the Affidavit of Counsel attached hereto.)

¹ In a telephone conversation with counsel, Ms. Odeh informed him that the prison is very cold and there are no warm clothes available and blankets must be purchased through the jail commissary

K. Ms. Odeh can be given additional restrictions, including an ankle monitor, if necessary, and frequent reporting, as well as special supervision by Attorney Fennerty or such other person(s) as the Court may find suitable, to satisfy any concern about her staying in place.

8. Finally we note, as the Court apparently saw, that the Pre-Trial Services Report, made in Chicago at the time of her arrest, apparently updated later in Detroit (See "Addendum", no date), the Service stated that, in view of her then seven years of residence in Illinois, and the surrender of her passports, "Pretrial Services believes that conditions can be imposed to minimize any risk of non-appearance." Of course this was before her conviction, but all the same facts still apply.

WHEREFORE, Ms. Odeh respectfully requests this Court to reconsider its earlier ruling, and grant her bond pending her sentencing, with any added restrictions or requirements that this Court deem necessary to assure it that she will faithfully appear to receive her sentence; and to grant such other relief which it finds just and appropriate in the circumstances.

DATED: November 13, 2014

/s/Michael E. Deutsch

Attorney for Rasmieh Odeh
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DEFENDANT'S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER REVOKING BOND PENDING SENTENCING.

Defendant Rasmieh Odeh asks this honorable Court to reconsider his Order at the end of the trial herein, on November 10, 2014, revoking the defendant's bond pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3143(a), and remanding her to custody pending a sentence hearing the Court set for March 10, 2015.

Defendant's Time in America. The defendant has been free on bail since October, 2013, when she was released, after her arrest, on three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) cash bail, agreed to by the United States Attorney of the Northern District of Illinois. At the time, when a possible recognizance was being discussed, the defendant offered to put up cash, from her bank account, and she was allowed to remain free overnight and come in the next day with the cash; which she promptly did. She has been free ever since, until Nov. 10, and she has reported regularly, as instructed, and made every court appearance.

As the Court is aware, the defendant was charged, and now stands convicted, of one count of knowingly lying on her citizenship application in 2004, and implicated also in false answers on her original application for an immigrant visa, submitted in Jordan in 1994. As she testified, she came to the U.S. originally at the request and under the sponsorship of her late father, Yousef Odeh, who was ailing with cancer, to care for him; he died in 2003. Her brother Mustafa (Steve), also a

U.S. citizen, also died from Cancer, in 2004, not long before her naturalization interview. Wondering what she should do next, and pondering a return to Jordan, she visited her sister, who was then living in Chicago with her two sons.

While she was there, a chance encounter with two young children in a park led to a meeting with their mother, who turned out to be an Arab immigrant, who she talked to about the problems adjusting to the radically different culture both had encountered in America, and urged her not to be afraid of mixing in community life in their new home country. She then met with the woman and one of her friends, also a new immigrant, and the interactions brought to her the realization that she could find a vocation helping other Palestinian and Arab immigrants adjust to the culture they found themselves in here in the United States. So she decided to stay, and seek to be of use in service to the Arab immigrant community. Thereupon, she returned to the Detroit area, and soon submitted her application for naturalization, in April, 2004.

Her Time in Israel. As the Court also knows, Ms. Odeh had been arrested in the West Bank city of Ramallah, in an Israeli Army sweep of the town, in February, 1969, after bombings claimed by a Palestinian group resisting the illegal military occupation of the their land. Soldiers battered down the door to her home in the middle of the night, and took her away with two of her sisters, one severely crippled, and their father. Ms. Odeh was taken separately to the “Moscow Villa”, a

notorious Israeli Army interrogation center in Jerusalem. There she remained for some 45 days before she was taken to the Military Court to face murder charges, and only then allowed to talk to a lawyer.

While at the center she was tortured remorselessly, unspeakably, by soldiers and security agents, until she confessed to participating in the bombings. She and her co-defendants---all of whom were also tortured to obtain confessions---were convicted by Israeli officers acting as military judges. In 1975 she was caught trying to escape from her illegal imprisonment by the State of Israel. Certainly, her desire to escape from the illegal imprisonment of by her torturers cannot taken to show any disrespect for authority.

She served ten years in the women's prison at Ramleh, in Israel; then she was released, and her sentence commuted, as part of a prisoner exchange carried out in Geneva, in 1979. She moved and was moved several times, finally ending in Amman, Jordan, in 1983, where she lived, worked and studied until 1994, when her brother summoned her to the U.S. to help care for their father. As the Court knows, she checked boxes labeled "No" to questions on the immigrant visa and citizenship applications, in 1994 and 2004 respectively, asking whether she had "EVER" been arrested, charged, convicted or imprisoned; and these untrue answers formed the basis of her indictment and conviction.

Her Circumstances Now. She has continued to protest her innocence of the

bombing charges, but she was barred from contesting them, and the Israeli military court documents purporting to show her arrest, conviction and imprisonment were deemed admissible, by the MLAT treaty with Israel. In addition, the Government asserts that Ms. Odeh was associated with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a now-proscribed movement which grew from Palestinian resistance to the illegal continuing Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza after the 1967 invasion. So it is with this basic Israeli terrorist/freedom fighter accusation on her record, along with the ten-and twenty year-old false answers in her visa and naturalization processes, that the Defendant now stands before the Court, awaiting its judgment and punishment.

Her Plea at this Time. Ms. Odeh's punishment should not be imposed, without justification, before the sentence and judgment is finalized, even if imprisonment is likely or even inevitable. Yet, in truth, the Ms. Odeh, , is already being punished, severely---beginning with her sudden frightening and humiliating physical seizure and handcuffing in the courtroom, in front of the large group of her supporters and friends and clients, representing her community---all still in shock from the guilty finding; and now she is exiled to the St. Clair County Jail in Port Huron Michigan, where she has severely limited access to her counsel from Chicago, or so far no warm clothes or even a blanket. As set out in the letter of Dr. Mary Fabri, Ms. Odeh's sudden incarceration and isolation will likely exacerbate

her PTSD condition causing increased symptoms including nightmares, flashbacks and increased anxiety.

II.

The law does not require that a convicted defendant have her bond revoked and be taken into custody pending sentencing, but does create a presumption that this should happen, unless the defendant can meet the burden of showing, by clear and convincing evidence, that she is not a flight risk or a danger to the public or any individual persons. See, 18 U.S.C. 3143(a). The Court found that there was no issue of defendant being a danger of any kind, and based his decision to revoke largely on his sense that her 'community ties' were not sufficiently strong---especially when taken with her attempted escape from Israeli custody in 1975---to guarantee that she would not flee the country in an attempt to avoid possible imprisonment, and deportation. It is this view which, away from the heat of the moment in the courtroom, we now earnestly implore the Court to reconsider.

In the first place, and mainly, we urge the Court to look again at his seemingly offhand notion that the presence of other family members is a *sine qua non* of sufficiently strong community ties to show unlikelihood of flight. Here this is inaccurate, in that Ms. Odeh does have family in Chicago, in the person of her

two nephews, now reaching their 20s, who she is devoted to, lived with at one time, and has watched grow up and helped to raise.

More to the point, it is simply unreasonable and unfair---and, with all respect, it appears vindictive, even if not so intended---to say there is no community to which Rasmieh Odeh is strongly enough tied to dissuade her from running away, or trying to, in the face of the strong and steadfast support that was manifest in the courtroom. Uncontested evidence showed the Defendant, as assistant director of the Arab American Action Network, runs day-to-day operations, supervises the directors of the several specific programs the organization provides to youth, mothers, elderly and the like, and has developed a unique women's committee with some 600 signed-up members which has been studied across the United States as a model for working with immigrant women.

All the people involved in these activities, along with numerous others involved in other groups and organizations that AAAN works with, are tied to her and she to them. They, and especially the new immigrants, rely on her for counsel and inspiration, for her wisdom and hard-won knowledge of how the system works, and for her effort and energy in helping all comers. She in turn relies on them for emotional and psychological support, to a degree reaching well beyond what is usual in many, many families, where relations are so often contradictory and vexed. Her ties to this community, in the form of commitment to her vocation

of service, and her reliance on its people for emotional sustenance, and the engagement and satisfaction she finds in her work, could not conceivably be more solid, and strong, and sure to keep her tied to Chicago and in their midst for as long as she can sustain her struggle to remain in this country.

And surely the irony of the matter is not lost upon the Court, where Defendant was offered a plea bargain by which the government would recommend no jail time, and she would be free to voluntarily leave the Country without being subjected to imprisonment in the immigration system. Despite this offer and she chose instead to stay, and fight against enormous odds to remain in America, and in the life and work she found and made for herself here - in refuge from the awful persecution she experienced in Israel in her youth - and the ghastly memories of it that are so desperately hard for her to keep in check. Surely this Court, upon mature reflection, will not lack the insight and compassion needed to see that this Defendant's "entire lifestyle and mission strongly suggest she will stay in place," rather than attempt, at her age and in her condition, to flee---in an exercise in utter futility---into the unknown.

Although the issue in *United States v. Xulam*, 84 F.3d 441, 444 (D.C. Cir. 1996), quoted just above, concerned bail pending trial, the Court's language, concerning the community ties of a Kurdish human rights activist charged with falsifying his passport, is instructive:

We cannot but conclude that a serious error has been made here. A first-time offender accused of a non-violent crime with strong community ties and respected members of the community willing to supervise his release in a manner the court finds necessary, including designated residences, curfews, reporting in, is incarcerated pending trial, despite the fact that his entire lifestyle and mission, strongly suggest he will stay in place, and his charged misdeed (if indeed he is found guilty) was to falsify information on a passport in order to remain in this country.

III.

It cannot be denied that things became somewhat heated during the brief proceeding the Court held on the Government's motion to revoke the Defendant's bail. In particular, the Court was exasperated when counsel---genuinely shocked by the Court's negative response to his own request to continue the bail until sentencing---admitted that he had told the Defendant he felt sure the Court would do so. Where she was clearly no danger to anyone, however, and her deep community ties had been so richly evident right in the courtroom, the entire legal team shared that feeling, and that shock.

It is likewise no secret that the Court was disenchanted with the combativeness the Defendant showed during her testimony, towards both the prosecutor and the Court himself; and this undoubtedly compounded a growing dubiousness regarding the plausibility---or lack of it---of her attempted explanation of how the wrong answers came about.

This outlook, quite possibly reinforced by kindred feelings expressed to him privately afterwards by members of the Jury, would seem possibly to have affected the Court's quick, determination to have the Defendant immediately locked up when she was found guilty. Now we are hopeful that these feelings have cooled, and that the Court will look more objectively upon the copious, clear evidence now submitted and offered, that the Defendant's ties to her community are broad and deep, as is her commitment to the people there, and that these mutual deep ties are more than sufficient to guarantee against any ill-advised attempt at flight. We hope he will see that such deep ties are more than sufficient to ensure that she will remain at home, and at work, until she is sentenced---and for as long afterwards as she can possibly manage.

To add to this, counsel for the defense strongly believe that Ms. Odeh has significant appealable issues which may well result in a reversal of her conviction and a new trial, and thus her premature incarceration is doubly unwarranted

IV.

Ms. Odeh, seeks to add to this record the custodial commitment of Attorney James Fennerty, the agreement of the defendant to submit to further bail restrictions, including more reporting and even the imposition of an ankle monitor, if it is thought necessary, as well as the posting of several people's homes as

additional collateral, and numerous letters of support by respected members of her community and people from the Detroit area.

If after exhausting all her legal remedies, including her appeal she is forced to abandon the good life she has built here, then she will leave with dignity, having kept her word to the Court and people who have stood by her. We submit with all respect that, where she can so clearly meet her burden of showing suitability for release until the sentencing date, it simply isn't right, or reasonable or just, to cast her in prison---and thus cut off her new, safe, life in America, until that time comes.

WHEREFORE, THE Court is respectfully but earnestly asked to reconsider the Defendant's eligibility and suitability for release on bond pending sentencing, and thereon to set aside his Order revoking her bail, and to allow her to remain free at least until she is sentenced; and to grant such other and further relief as is appropriate.

DATED: November 14, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Deutsch
Attorney for Rasmieh Odeh

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Michael E. Deutsch, hereby certifies that he has filed the above Motion to the parties of record through the ECF system on November 13, 2014.

/s/ Michael E. Deutsch



8TH DAY CENTER FOR JUSTICE

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November 12, 2014

Dear Judge Drain,

We write this letter on behalf of 67-year old Rasmea Odeh (case #13-cr-20772), to ask that she be released awaiting sentencing.

8th Day Center for Justice is a Catholic organization that was founded in 1974 by religious men and women seeking a more just and peaceful world. This year, at 8th Day's 40th anniversary celebration, we awarded Rasmea Odeh with the *Sr. Mary Elsbernd Award*, a distinguished honor awarded to individuals who we believe personify the values of Passion, Relationship, and Imagination. The award is named after Sr. Mary Elsbernd, a Franciscan Sister who dedicated her life to preaching the Gospel message of love and justice. Rasmea Odeh's commitment to working for equality and justice within and beyond her community here in Chicago made her an unequivocal candidate to receive the honor in Sr. Mary Elsbernd's name.

8th Day has known and worked with Rasmea Odeh and the Arab American Action Network (AAAN) for many years as an ongoing partner and through our annual Urban Plunge program, a week-long immersion into justice work in Chicago. Each year when 8th Day visits AAAN during the Urban Plunge, participants (who are both religious and lay people) were touched by Rasmea's passion for making this city, country, and world a more just and loving place. She truly lives the Gospel message of compassion and love, both in her relationships and in her work on behalf of those who have been pushed to the margins of society.

We at 8th Day want to assure you that this pillar of Chicago's Palestinian community is no flight risk. On the contrary, Rasmea has a deep commitment to her community, to her supporters across the country, and to her own family members living in Chicago – two nephews and several cousins.

During her trial, the presence of dozens of members of the Arab Women's Committee (AWC) is a testament to the fact that Rasmea's connection to these women is not professional, but rather, very personal. As immigrants, the AWC has helped them overcome feelings of isolation and the bond between Rasmea and members of the Committee cannot be overstated. Her connection to

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Servants of Jesus, Detroit, MI
Sisters of Charity, BVM
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
~ West Midwest Community
Sisters of Providence, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN
Sisters of St. Joseph of the
~ Third Order of St. Francis
Sisters of the Living Word
Sisters of the Presentation, Dubuque, IA
Wheaton Franciscan Sisters

this community of women is described by all of them as "like a family." This is why they left families at home in Chicago, and traveled 5 hours each way on buses to be with Rasmea during this difficult time. Their presence was a comfort to Rasmea, and her arrest and detention were devastating to them.

Countless other community members, from Chicago and beyond, also filled your courtroom and an overflow courtroom throughout the trial. Some hailed from Detroit and Dearborn, but most traveled much further to support Rasmea, a valued community leader. Time and again, Rasmea assured her supporters that no matter the outcome in her case, we must "be strong" and "stand together."

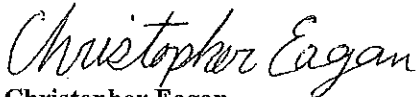
Please take immediate action to release Rasmea Odeh so she can return to her home, family, and community in Chicago, until sentencing. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

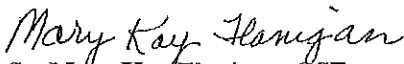
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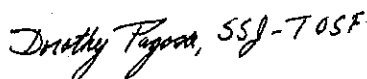
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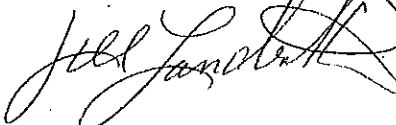
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November 12, 2014

Dear Judge Drain,

I am writing this letter on behalf of 67-year old Rasmea Odeh (case #13-cr-20772), to ask that she be released awaiting sentencing.

As the senior minister of a local church in Chicago concerned for human rights, I have known Rasmea for many years. She is a pillar of the Chicago Palestinian community. With her deep roots in our community and her family living in Chicago Rasmea is no flight risk.

So many members of our communities in Chicago have traveled hours to fill your courtroom during Rasmea's trial. Rasmea has developed personal relationships with so many of us. Her relationships with dozens of Arab immigrant women are particularly deep and Rasmea's arrest and detention has been devastating to them.

Please take immediate action to release Rasmea Odeh so she can return to her home, family and community in Chicago, until sentencing. A compassionate response is called for here.

May God guide you in your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

The Reverend Daniel Dale
Senior Minister, Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ



National Network for Arab American Communities

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Our mission is the development of Arab American community-based nonprofit organizations that understand, meet the needs, and represent the concerns of Arab Americans at a local level, while also collectively addressing those issues at a national level.

The National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC) is disappointed by a federal judge's ruling Nov. 10, 2014, to detain well-known Palestinian activist and community leader Rasmea Odeh until her sentencing in March 2015. Ms. Odeh was found guilty this week of "Unlawful Procurement of Naturalization."

The guilty verdict, along with Ms. Odeh's court-ordered four-month detainment, prior to her official sentencing, is of great concern to NNAAC, especially considering her respected status in the community and her age. The Network requests that she be released on bond immediately until her sentencing. Ms. Odeh, who is 67 years old, has been serving her community in Chicago for many years. Throughout this time, Ms. Odeh has been involved in community and human rights work, particularly with regard to women's and workers' unions, family and domestic violence groups, human rights centers and the Red Cross.

"Rasmea has a long history of serving her community and is a very active and impactful advocate. We are disappointed in the judge's decision to enforce such a severe ruling on an individual who has devoted her life to protecting the rights of others," said Nadia Tonova, director of NNAAC.

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November 11, 2014

The Honorable Gershwin A. Drain
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Dear Judge Drain:

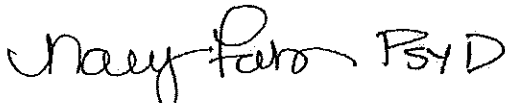
I am compelled to write to you after hearing the verdict in the case of Ms. Rasmea Odeh and the subsequent revocation of her bail on November 10, 2014. As I testified in the evidentiary hearing on October 28th, it is my professional opinion that Ms. Odeh suffers from chronic Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). I am concerned that being immediately taken into custody and being detained will intensify Ms. Odeh's symptoms of PTSD and threaten her mental state.

I understand the jury delivered a guilty verdict and that sentencing will take place on March 10th. The period of time between now and then would afford Ms. Odeh time to prepare psychologically for the sentencing.

Ms. Odeh has suffered many traumas in her lifetime and as a result does suffer from chronic PTSD that makes her vulnerable to periodic reoccurrences that are precipitated by reminders in the environment. The revocation of her bail and immediate detention is fraught with reminders of her imprisonment in Israel. Potentially, Ms. Odeh's symptoms will increase (i.e. sleep disturbance, nightmares, flashbacks, increased anxiety, etc.) and may result in a decline in her mental status. I appeal to you to allow Ms. Odeh time to psychologically prepare for the upcoming sentencing by allowing her to be released until the sentencing hearing.

I would appreciate your consideration of my professional concerns regarding Ms. Odeh's psychological wellbeing.

Respectfully,



Mary Fabri, PsyD
IL Licensed Psychologist

We, the undersigned members of the Arab Women's Committee of the Arab American Action Network (AAAN), as well as other concerned community members, are asking the Honorable Judge Drain to allow our dear Rasmieh Odeh to return home while she awaits her sentencing.

Rasmieh is our leader. She is the founder of our Arab Women's Committee, which would not be able to continue without her. It is the institution which she has spent 10 years building in Chicagoland, by working 50 or more hours a week to make it the most successful women-led formation in our community.

We meet as a large group once a month, to participate in social and leadership development workshops, parenting skills classes, educational presentations, theater, and other activities that Rasmieh organizes for us. In between these monthly meetings, we have English as a Second Language classes, citizenship and civics instruction, social services support, and other opportunities for us to visit Rasmieh, ask for her advice and assistance, and watch her do the work that she lives for.

Her relationship with us is not just professional. She could not just pick up and go somewhere else to do this work. The Arab Women's Committee is her family. She is our mother, our sister, our friend, our colleague. She organizes visits to our homes when we are celebrating or mourning. She attends our children's weddings. She gives us advice about our families, our jobs, and our lives every time we call for it. The woman has and will do anything for us.

Rasmieh Odeh would never abandon the Arab Women's Committee or any of us. Please allow her to return home pending sentencing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

JAWAHER - ALJUMAH

RAMA ESSA

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manal Richezi

Alain Haggam

Aziza Afif

fatma Ahmed

Tharra ahmed

Zahra Abdulqader

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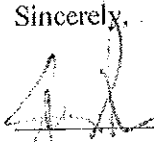
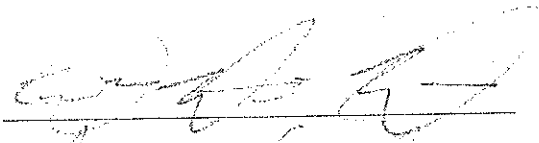
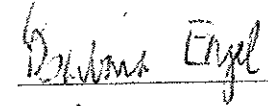
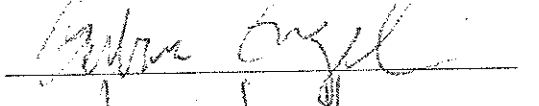
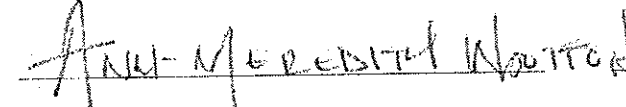
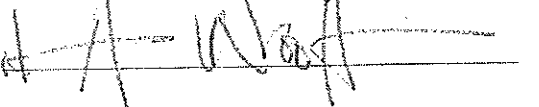
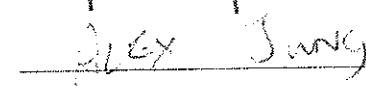
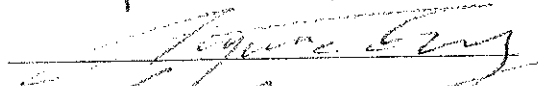
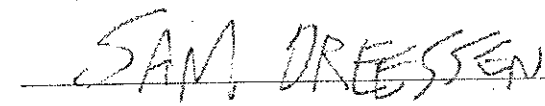
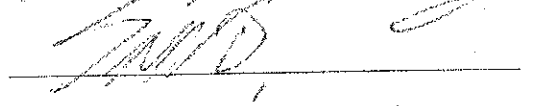

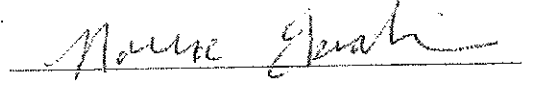
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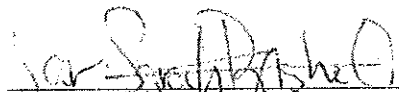
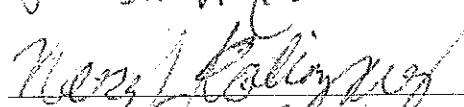

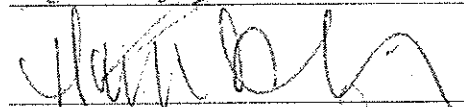
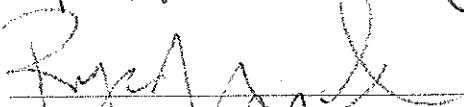
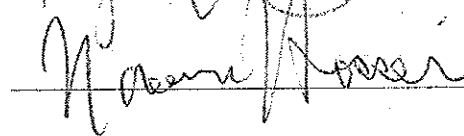
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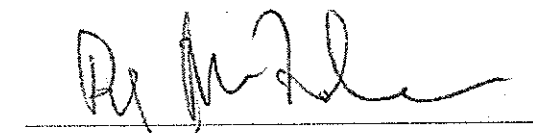
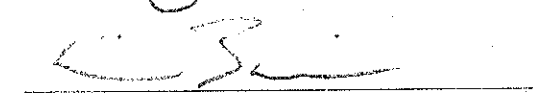
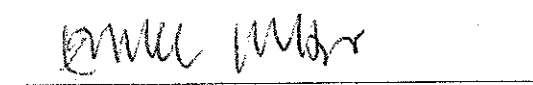
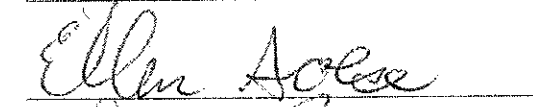
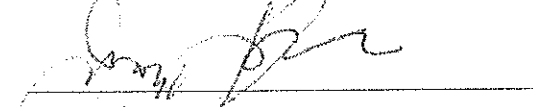
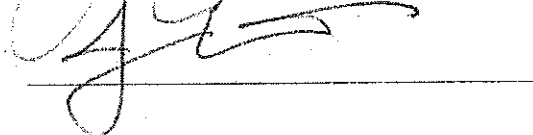
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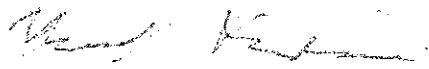

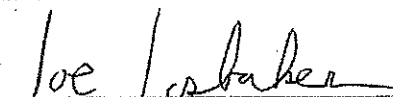

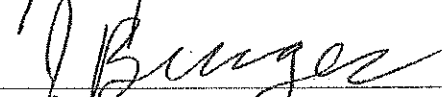

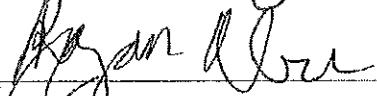
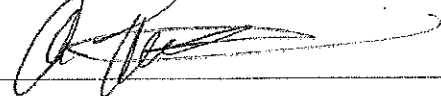
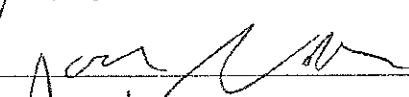
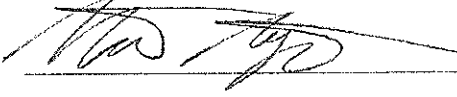
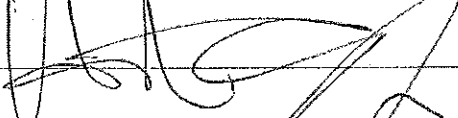
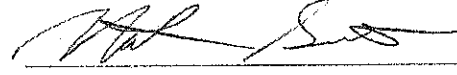

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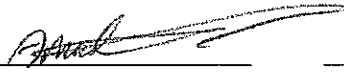
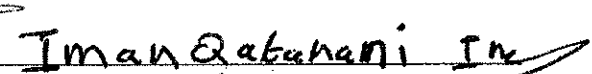
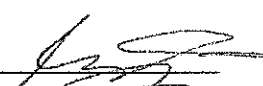
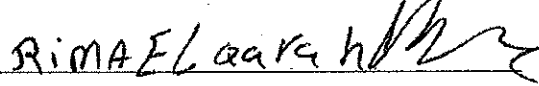
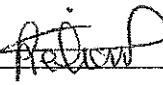

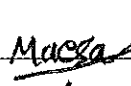
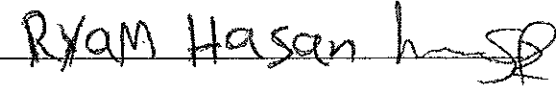
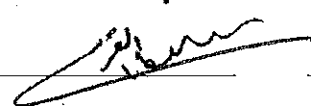
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