## **Hezbollah Supporter Sentenced**

Schlussel made a "victim impact statement" at the sentencing, in which she said:

> I am in a constant state of fear. My residence, which has several windows, has the shades drawn, day and night. I never get to see the sun shine in because I am afraid of snipers shooting at me. I constantly leave through back and side doors and timeconsuming alternate routes and am constantly looking all around me on the rare occasions that I travel in and out of my residence. It is, as I said, a constant state of fear and hyperawareness. And I have to limit my trips outside because I never know when someone like Mr. Abdallah or one of his associates will be looking for me. Any noise, any slight abnormal sound in the middle of the night keeps me up indefinitely because I never know if it is Mr. Abdallah or one of his friends, relatives, or allies. This will never change. Mr. Abdallah changed my life forever, for the worst.

The Dearborn area, referred to as "Dearbornistan" by Schlussel and many others, has become a major center of Islamic immigration and a Mecca of Islamic activity. It is the home of the Islamic Center of America, which boasts the largest mosque in North America. The Dearborn-Detroit area has also become a major center of Hezbollah activity in the United States, as the Nada Nadim Prouty case - and other recent cases - have shown. Former CIA and FBI employee Nada Nadim Prouty, a Syrian-Lebanese Muslim who came to the United States on a fraudulent student visa, was convicted last year for using FBI computers to access information on Hezbollah. Although government officials have downplayed the security breach, as well as her Hezbollah ties, the evidence points to Prouty as a Hezbollah doubleagent inside the U.S. Government.

The big question that begs to be asked is: "Why was she not charged with far more serious charges related to spying, treason, and terrorism?" Under a plea agreement worked out by federal prosecutors, she faces only six to 12 months in prison, and perhaps a few months to a couple years of supervised release. She may also be stripped of her U.S. citizenship and deported to her native Lebanon.

Prouty, now age 38, came to the United States in 1989 on a one-year student visa as Nada Nadim El-Aouar. After the visa expired, she stayed on illegally in the Detroit area. To avoid deportation, she paid an unemployed U.S. citizen to marry her. Typical of many sham marriages, the couple did not live





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She worked at La Shish, a popular Lebanese restaurant chain in the Detroit area owned by Talal Khalil Chahine, a top fundraiser for the Hezbollah terrorist organization. Chahine, who is married to one of Prouty's sisters, Elfat El-Aouar, was one of the keynote speakers at a 2002 Hezbollah fundraiser in Lebanon. In spite of this background and her family's long-standing connections to the Syrian National Socialist Party and the communist PFLP terrorist organization, she was awarded U.S. citizenship and then allowed to become an FBI special agent. Prouty's sisters Elfat and Rula also stayed here illegally, married, and obtained citizenship.

While at the FBI, Prouty made unauthorized use of the FBI computer database to see what information the bureau might have on Hezbollah's ties to her, as well as to her sister Elfat, and her brother-in-law Chahine (who is now a fugitive, charged with skimming \$20 million from his restaurants, presumably to help fund Hezbollah). She also took classified FBI documents home. Prouty left the FBI in 2003 to join the CIA, where she was employed until the week before her arrest.



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