

The Honorable Avern Cohn
Senior Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan

RE: Nada Nadim Prouty: Letter of Support Seeking Reduced Sentence

Dear Senior Judge Cohn,

I am a covert officer of the Central Intelligence Agency. Accordingly, I submit this letter to you under the pseudonym, CIA Officer 5.

I am writing this letter to convey information about and my positive view of Mrs. Nada Nadim Prouty and her family (husband Gordon, daughter Eva), in the belief that it might be of some use to you in making your decision regarding the sentencing of Mrs. Prouty.

I am a US federal government employee with 21 years' staff service and contractor service before that. I am now in the executive ranks. Much of my service has been abroad, and much of it has been in areas central to the war on terrorism – before the events of 11 September 2001, as well as after. In the course of my work I have interacted with hundreds if not thousands of USG personnel engaged in important, often arduous and dangerous work. Mrs. Prouty was one of those, and my experience with her was outstanding.

I do not know enough about legal matters to comment on the legal proceedings involving Mrs. Prouty. I would however, like to offer my direct observations of Mrs. Prouty and her family.

Through my work with Mrs. Prouty, I saw her work in harsh and dangerous environments, exposing herself to dangerous people, with the objective of gaining important terrorism information and disrupting nefarious activity so as to protect the people of the United States. In these interactions I found Mrs. Prouty extremely hardworking, conscientious, tireless, thorough, and courageous.

In addition, on several occasions I saw her in social settings. Mrs. Prouty invariably displayed wonderful demeanor, and always impressed me as decent, pleasant, caring, and forthright.

I have been pleased and happy to watch the Prouty family bloom over the past several years, watching the great relationship between Gordon and Nada, and greeting their sweet daughter Eva. In the Proutys I see a wonderful and loving family, people valuable to any community, a family worthy of compassion and protection.

Your honor, the point I wish to make here is that notwithstanding Mrs. Prouty's transgressions as a young woman, I believe there is much in Mrs. Prouty's past, and her present, to argue against a severe sentence. In Mrs. Prouty I believe we have a good person, someone who joined the national security apparatus of the United States not for personal gain or to conduct illicit activity but to provide good and genuine service, and who provided that service in an exceptional manner. I think she has a wonderful husband, and as you are aware, they have a beautiful young daughter, Eva. I think Mrs. Prouty has much to contribute to our country, and that she and her nice family deserve a bright future. I have no experience with legal matters and do not presume to advise you, your honor. But my knowledge of the Proutys tells me that leniency would be appropriate here.

Thank you, your honor for taking the time to read this letter. I consider the Proutys fine people and count myself lucky to know them. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you as you carry out your important and difficult duty.

Sincerely,

CIA Officer 5