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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

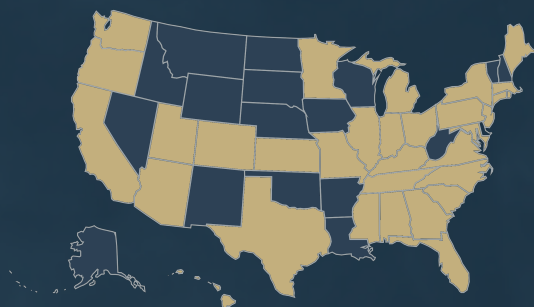
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238 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

Their activities were located in **33** states and the District of Columbia



90% are male

28 the average age of those charged.

187 have pleaded or were found guilty

13.1* the average length of sentence in years.

*Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission

40%

were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

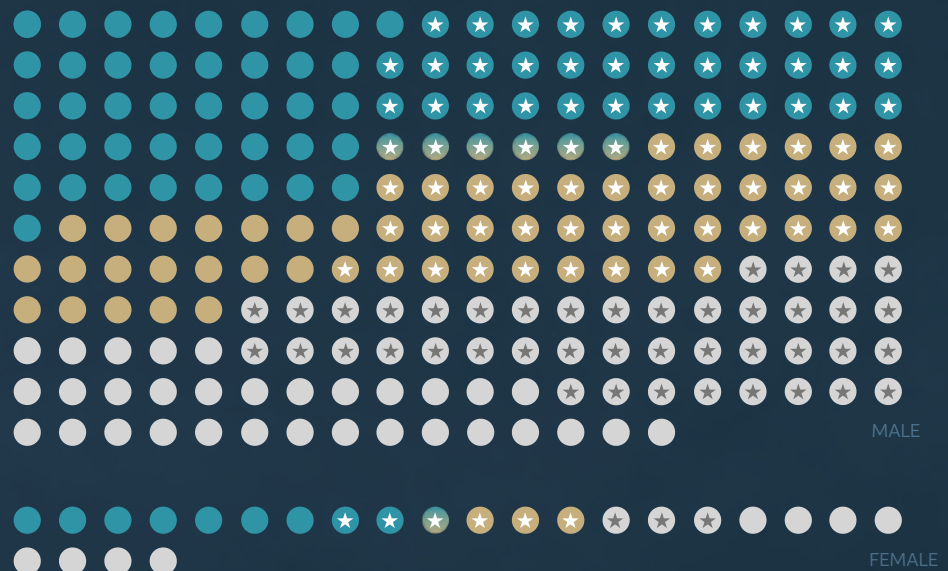
29%

were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

57%

were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation



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Arrests (Islamic State)

XAVIER PELKEY



Xavier Pelkey, an 18-year-old resident of Waterville, Maine, was arrested and charged with possession of unregistered destructive devices. According to court records, law enforcement executed a search warrant on Pelkey’s residence and discovered three handmade explosive devices. Each device allegedly consisted of several fireworks items bundled together with tape, each with “staples, pins, and thumb tacks” inserted among the device components. Court records further indicate that investigators observed a hand-painted IS flag on the wall of Pelkey’s bedroom, along with a second, smaller IS flag found in the residence. FBI agents executed two additional search warrants on the residences of two juveniles, in Chicago and Kentucky. One of the juveniles allegedly disclosed to FBI agents that he communicated with Pelkey and the second juvenile on Instagram, and that the trio had “planned to attack an identified Shia Muslim mosque in the Chicago area.”

Sources: [Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint](#), [Declaration in Support of Motion for Detention](#), [Daily Beast](#), [ABC 7 Chicago](#)