

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

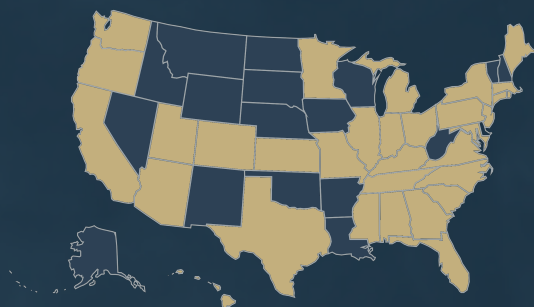
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**238** INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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



**90%** are male

**28** the average age of those charged.

**190** 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.

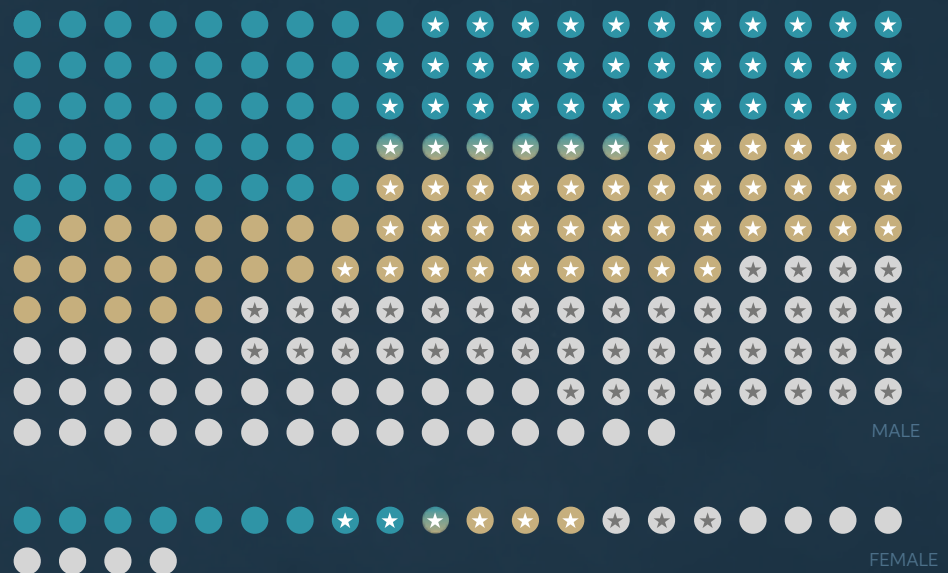
**29%**

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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## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

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### MIRSAD KANDIC



**Mirsad Kandic**, a 40-year-old resident of Brooklyn, New York, was convicted by a federal jury in the Eastern District of New York on five counts of conspiring to provide and provision of material support to IS. Evidence presented at trial demonstrated that Kandic served as a high-ranking IS member who played an important role in IS propaganda production and recruitment of foreign fighters. After trying and failing to travel from the United States to Syria in both 2012 and 2013, Kandic ultimately traveled from Mexico through six other countries before arriving in Syria at the end of 2013. Once in Syria, Kandic joined IS and became a fighter for the group, before traveling to Turkey to assist in efforts to smuggle foreign fighters and weapons into Syria, while also serving as an emir for IS social media. Kandic “sent thousands of radicalized ISIS volunteer fighters from Western countries into ISIS-controlled territories in Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East,” and disseminated IS recruitment messages and propaganda using more than 120 Twitter accounts. Kandic was arrested in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2017, and extradited to the United States to face federal charges the same year.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Jury Verdict](#), [New York Post](#)