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228 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 **32** states and the District of Columbia



90% are male

28 the average age of those charged.

162 have pleaded or were found guilty

13.4* the average length of sentence in years.

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

38%

were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

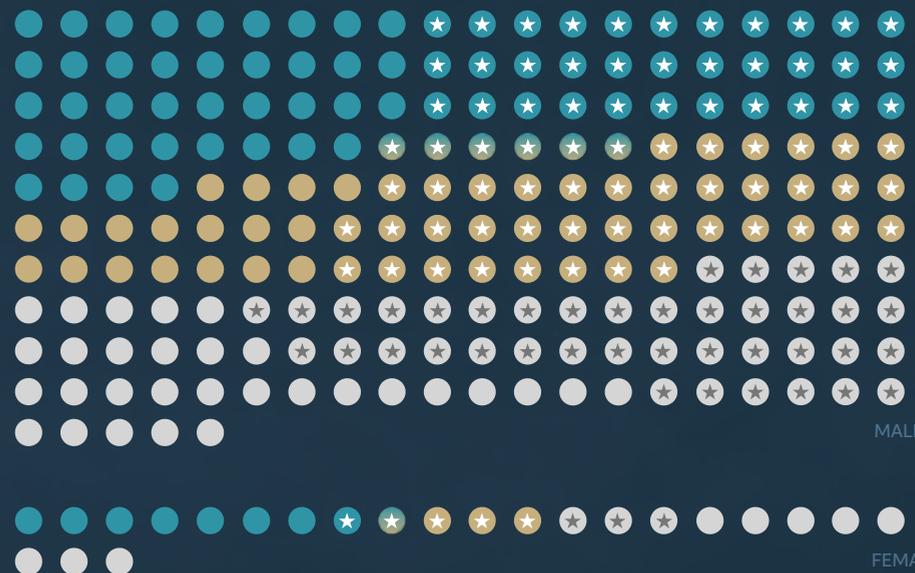
30%

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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IS Arrests

BENJAMIN ALAN CARPENTER

APR 5 31  TN

Benjamin Alan Carpenter, a 31-year-old resident of Knoxville, Tennessee, was arrested and charged in the Eastern District of Tennessee with attempting to provide material support and resources to IS. Carpenter is alleged to be the leader of Ahlut-Tawhid Publications, an international organization dedicated to the translation and publication of pro-IS and official IS media in English. According to the indictment, Carpenter provided English-language translations of IS media content to an individual he believed to be associated with IS, with the belief that the material would be used to support IS.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Carpenter Indictment, Knox News

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

EDWARD SCHIMENTI

APR 9 39  IL

Edward Schimenti, a 39-year-old resident of Zion, Illinois, was sentenced in the Northern District of Illinois to 162 months in prison for conspiring to provide material support to IS. Schimenti, who was convicted by a federal jury in 2019, provided cell phones to an individual who he believed to be a member of IS, with the belief that they would be used to detonate improvised explosive devices used by IS. Schimenti also assisted this individual in preparing for their purported travel to join IS. Schimenti's co-defendant Joseph Jones was also convicted of a conspiracy charge and sentenced last month to 12 years in federal prison.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Schimenti Judgment, Chicago Sun Times

AKAYED ULLAH

APR 22 31  NY

Akayed Ullah, a 31-year-old resident of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced to life in prison for carrying out a bombing attack at the subway station under the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City in December 2017 on behalf of IS. Ullah, who was found guilty by a federal jury in the Southern District of New York in November 2018, detonated an improvised explosive device strapped to his chest in the subway station in an attempt to conduct a mass casualty attack. As set forth in the trial, Ullah made statements to law enforcement while in custody that he had viewed pro-IS materials online, including a video instructing IS supporters to commit attacks at home if they were unable to travel to join the group.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Ullah Judgment, The New York Times

ELVIS REDZEPAGIC

APR 23 30  NY

Elvis Redzepagic, a 30-year-old resident of Commack, New York, pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of New York to attempting to provide material support to IS and the al-Nusra Front. In pleading, Redzepagic admitted that in 2015, he communicated with an individual he believed to be a member of IS or the al-Nusra Front in Syria, and subsequently made multiple attempts to travel to Syria to join that individual. In July 2015, Redzepagic traveled to Turkey and unsuccessfully attempted to cross the border into Syria. Following this, Redzepagic traveled to Jordan in August 2016 in an attempt to enter Syria, but was stopped and deported by Jordanian authorities. Redzepagic was arrested in New York in 2017.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Redzepagic Guilty Plea Hearing Transcript, Newsday