

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

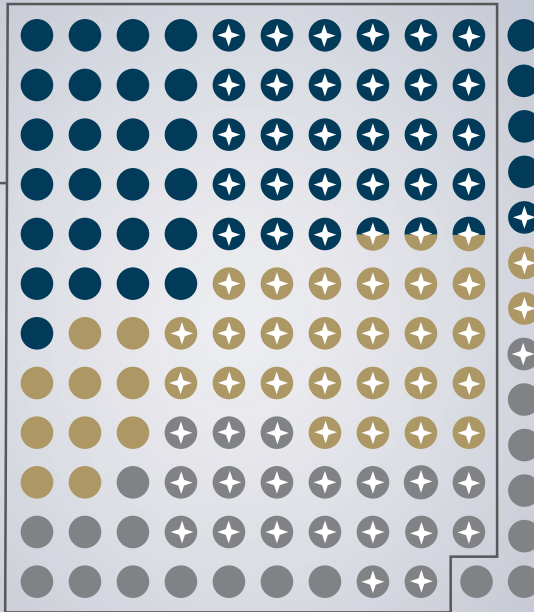
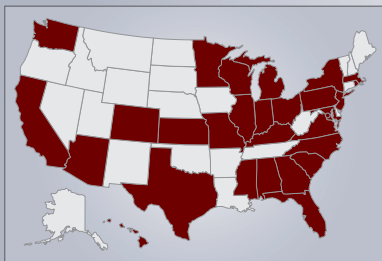
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**133** INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

The average age of those charged is **28**

**90%** are male

Their activities were located in **28** states and the District of Columbia



**45%** 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.

**59%** were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

The average length of sentence in years **14.2\*** **79** HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

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

## Islamic State–Related Apprehensions/Charges

### TREVOR WILLIAM FORREST

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Trevor William Forrest (also known as Abdullah el-Faisal), a 53-year-old resident of Jamaica, was charged in a New York State Supreme Court indictment with several state-level material support to terrorism charges. According to the indictment, Forrest remotely communicated with an undercover NYPD officer and offered to assist him in traveling to the Middle East to join IS, including disseminating propaganda material, providing a list of contacts in the organization, and offering to facilitate the officer's marriage to an IS member over-

seas. The Jamaica Constabulary Forces arrested Forrest at his home in Jamaica, and he was subsequently extradited to the United States to face prosecution. Sources: [New York County District Attorney's Office](#), [Washington Post](#)

### PARVEG AHMED

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Twenty-two-year-old Queens, New York, resident Parveg Ahmed was arrested at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport after being extradited from an unnamed Middle Eastern country bordering

Syria. During a visit to Saudi Arabia, Ahmed and an unnamed co-conspirator allegedly abandoned two others and traveled to the unnamed country, from which they attempted to travel onwards to join IS in its territories in Syria. According to an affidavit, a concurrent FBI search of Ahmed's computer and social media accounts found pro-IS statements made by Ahmed and the group's propaganda material. Ahmed and his co-conspirator were apprehended in the unnamed country, and were sent back to the United States, where Ahmed was charged with one count of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Ahmed Criminal Complaint](#)

## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

### FADI YASSINE

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Fadi Yassine, a 42-year-old citizen of Lebanon, was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison for his role in an illegal arms shipment scheme to an area of Lebanon controlled by the foreign terrorist organization Hizballah. Yassine and Ali Afif el Herz, Adam Ben Ali Herz, and Sarah Majid Zeatar, residents of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, concealed weapons in packages with clothes donations for refugees and sent them to Lebanon. Yassine's co-defendants were convicted in 2016, and are currently serving sentences ranging from 7 to 27 years in federal prison. Yassine was arrested in February 2017 upon arriving in New York from Lebanon, and pleaded guilty to one count of the indictment in April 2017. Sources: [KCRG-TV Cedar Rapids](#), [AP News](#)

### TERRENCE J. MCNEIL

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Terrence J. McNeil, a 24-year-old resident of Akron, Ohio, was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison for soliciting the murder of US military members. McNeil was an ardent supporter of IS online, using several social media platforms. In September 2015, using

his Tumblr account, he "reblogged a file with the banner 'Islamic State Hacking Division,' followed by 'Target: United States Military' and 'Leak: Addresses of 100 U.S. Military Personnel.'" He continued posting "kill lists" throughout late 2015, encouraging his social media followers to take the "final step" and "kill them", referring to the US military personnel on the list. McNeil pleaded guilty in April 2017 to five counts of solicitation to commit a crime of violence and five counts of making threatening interstate communications. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

### NELASH MOHAMED DAS

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In a superseding indictment, a federal grand jury charged Nelash Mohamed Das, a 25-year-old citizen of Bangladesh and a resident of Landover Hills, Maryland, with attempting to provide material support for IS, attempted murder of a federal employee, and using and carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. Das was initially charged in October 2016 with attempted material support; the attempted murder and firearms violations charges were added in the superseding indictment. According to court documents, Das conspired with a confidential human source to attain firearms and attempt to kill a member of the US military living in Maryland; the source provided Das with a fake target and a firearm that was rendered inert by the FBI. Das was apprehended prior to the attack and faces a sentence of 20 years in prison, if convicted. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

### MOHAMED ELSHINAWY

AUG 15

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Mohamed Elshinawy, a 32-year-old resident of Maryland, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to provide material support to IS, providing or attempting to provide material support to IS, and making false statements in a terrorism-related case. According to the plea agreement, Elshinawy conspired with IS supporters overseas to provide resources to the terrorist organization, including personnel, communications, and financial support. Elshinawy also received more than \$8,000

from a foreign company through fraudulent eBay purchases for the purposes of planning and conducting an attack in the United States. He made false statements to the FBI regarding these transactions and their purposes. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Wall Street Journal](#)

## LIONEL WILLIAMS



Lionel Williams, a 27-year-old Virginia resident, pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to IS. Williams was arrested and charged in December of 2016 after planning a “martyrdom” operation in the United States, including asking an FBI confidential human source for AK-47 ammunition for use in a “local” operation. Williams also sent money to an individual that he believed to be a financier for IS. According to the terms of the plea agreement, Williams will be sentenced in December 2017 to 20 years in federal prison. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

## ABROR HABIBOV



Abror Habibov pleaded guilty to conspiring to materially support IS and conspiring to use a firearm in the commission of a violent crime. Habibov, a 30-year-old citizen of Uzbekistan and a resident of New York City, financially facilitated Abdurasul Juraboev and Akhror Saidakhmetov’s attempts to join IS by providing funds to Saidakhmetov and Juraboev to purchase plane tickets. Habibov also conspired with three other men to raise money to ensure that Juraboev and Saidakhmetov would have access to funds after arrival in Syria. Habibov faces maximum sentences of 15 years in federal prison for the material support charge and 20 years for the firearms charge. Source: [AM New York](#)

## SEBASTIAN GREGERSON



Sebastian Gregerson was sentenced to 45 months in federal prison for unregistered possession of a destructive device. Gregerson was initially arrested in 2016 after purchasing explosives from an undercover FBI officer, and pleaded guilty to the charge in April 2017. A Facebook account connected to Gregerson posted numerous statements in favor of IS and various terrorist attacks the group committed. At the time of his arrest, Gregerson had built a “small arsenal” of “weapons, ammunition, tactical gear and tactical training materials.” Source: [The Detroit News](#)