

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

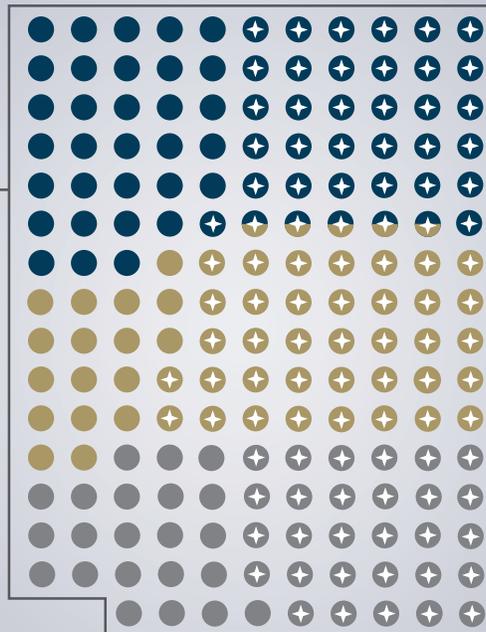
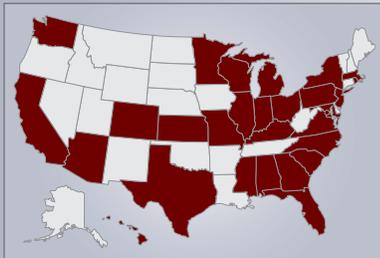
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**194** INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

**90%** are male

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



**40%** were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

**32%** 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

**143** PLEAD OR WERE FOUND GUILTY

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF SENTENCE IN YEARS IS **13.5\***

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

### Arrests (Islamic State)

#### OMER KUZU

AUG 1 23 TX

A jury in the Northern District of Texas indicted Omer Kuzu, a 23-year-old former resident of Dallas, Texas, for traveling to Syria and conspiring to provide material support to IS. Kuzu, who was captured by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) in early 2019, was recently transferred into FBI custody and returned to Texas. According to unsealed court documents, Kuzu and his brother allegedly traveled from Houston, Texas to Istanbul, Turkey, in October of 2014 to join IS. Kuzu allegedly confessed to agents that, during his time with IS, he was paid \$125 per month to repair communications equipment for frontline fighters in Syria.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Kuzu Complaint](#), [Kuzu Indictment](#), [CBS](#)

#### AWAIS CHUDHARY

AUG 29 19 NY

Awais Chudhary, a 19-year-old former resident of Queens, New York, was arrested and charged in the Eastern District of New York with attempting to provide material support to IS. According to court documents, Chudhary discussed with FBI undercover employees his plan to conduct a stabbing or bombing attack on behalf of IS. In furtherance of this plot, Chudhary allegedly researched what type of knife to use and conducted reconnaissance on multiple possible targets in New York. According to the criminal complaint, Chudhary ordered a tactical

knife, mask, gloves and a cell phone chest and head strap, and was arrested while attempting to retrieve these items. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Chudhary Complaint](#), [CBS](#)

## Apprehensions & Charges for Other Jihadist Groups

### BILAL AL-RAYANNI

AUG 8 28  AK

Bilal al-Rayanni, a Yemeni national and 28-year-old resident of Helena-West Helena, Arkansas, was charged in the Eastern District of Arkansas in a two-count superseding indictment with providing and attempting to provide material support to al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). The superseding indictment against al-Rayanni alleges that, in 2014, he traveled to Yemen and joined AQAP before returning to the United States three months later. Al-Rayanni remains in custody following his initial arrest and detention on charges of providing false statements on a passport application form on June 27, 2019. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Al-Rayanni Complaint](#), [Al-Rayanni Indictment](#), [Al-Rayanni Superseding Indictment](#), [KATV](#)

## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

### ARMIN HARCEVIC

AUG 9 41  MO

Armin Harcevic, a 41-year-old former resident of Ballwin, Missouri, was sentenced in the Eastern District of Missouri to 66 months in prison for conspiring to provide and providing material support to terrorists. Harcevic was charged on February 6, 2015, along with five other individuals for conspiring to provide material support to Abdullah Ramo Pazara, who left the United States in 2013 to join IS. Harcevic admitted to sending money to individuals who were collecting funds and buying supplies to be shipped to Pazara. Harcevic pleaded guilty in February of 2019.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Harcevic Government Sentencing Memo](#), [Harcevic Judgment](#), [KMOV](#)

### AZIZJON RAKHMATOV

AUG 15 32  CT

Azizjon Rakhmatov, a 32-year-old citizen of Uzbekistan and former resident of New Haven, Connecticut, pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of New York to conspiring to provide material support to IS. In his plea agreement, Rakhmatov admitted to transferring \$400 into a co-defendant's bank account with the intention of facilitating another co-defendant's travel to Syria to join IS. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Rakhmatov Plea Agreement](#), [Hartford Courant](#)

### MASOUD KHAN

AUG 15  VA

Masoud Khan, a former resident of Woodbridge, VA was sentenced by the D.C. District Court to 20 months in prison for providing false statements involving international terrorism. Khan transferred money to an individual in Jamaica with the intention that the funds be used to support IS. He later lied to FBI agents when questioned about the nature of his relationship with the individual and denied sending funds to the individual. Source: [Khan Complaint](#), [Khan Government Sentencing Memo](#), [Khan Judgment](#)

### ASIA SIDDIQUI & NOELLE VELENTZAS

AUG 23  NY

Asia Siddiqui and Noelle Velentzas, both former residents of Queens, New York, pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of New York to teaching and distributing information pertaining to the making and use of an explosive, destructive device, and weapon of mass destruction, intending that it be used to commit a federal crime of violence. Between 2013 and 2015, the two co-defendants conducted research on explosives device construction and purchased explosives materials to carry out an attack. At the time of their arrest in April of 2015, Siddiqui and Velentzas were planning to construct a pressure cooker bomb and

detonate it in New York City. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [CNN](#), [CBS](#)

## RONDELL HENRY



A federal grand jury in the District of Maryland returned a superseding indictment charging Rondell Henry, a 28-year-old resident of Germantown Maryland with attempting to provide material support to IS and interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle. These charges stem from his alleged theft of a van in Virginia, which he subsequently drove to Maryland. Henry, who was arrested by local law enforcement on April 3, 2019, reportedly told investigators that he planned to carry out a truck attack inspired by the 2016 vehicular attack in Nice, France.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Henry Superseding Indictment](#), [WBAL](#)

## FABJAN ALAMETI



Fabjan Alameti, a 21-year-old former resident of New York, New York, pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of New York to two counts of making false statements involving international terrorism. According to his plea agreement, during an interview with FBI agents, Alameti made statements claiming he had never discussed traveling overseas to join IS or wanting to harm American citizens and military personnel. Alameti was arrested in April of 2019 at a shooting range in Bozeman, Montana, while picking up an M1A he had rented after discussing possible targets in multiple online communications.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Alameti Offer of Proof](#), [Alameti Plea Agreement](#)