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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

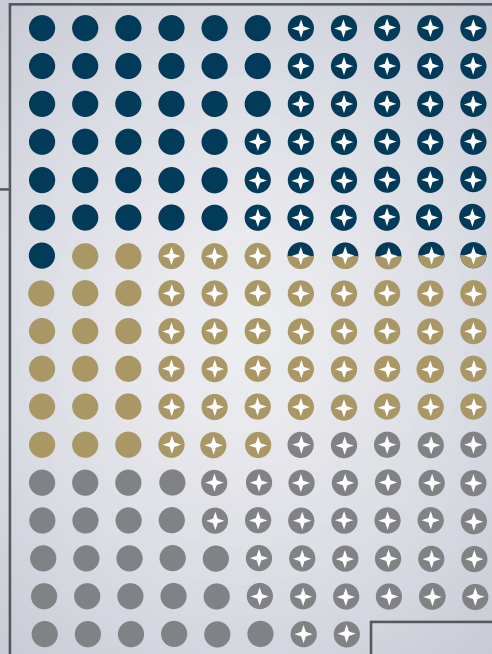
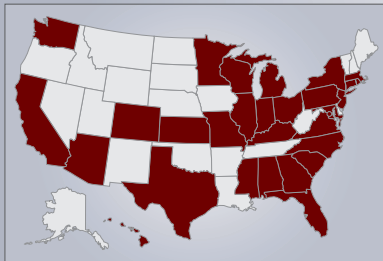
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204 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

90% are male

Their activities were located in **29** states and the District of Columbia



39% were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

31% were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

58% were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.
★ indicates law enforcement operation

148 PLEAD OR WERE FOUND GUILTY

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF SENTENCE IN YEARS IS **13.6***

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

Arrests (Islamic State)

ROMEO XAVIER LANGHORNE

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Romeo Xavier Langhorne, a 30-year-old resident of Roanoke, Virginia, was charged in the Middle District of Florida with attempting to provide material support to IS. Langhorne, a resident of St. Augustine during the bulk of the investigation, was arrested in Roanoke, Virginia, on Nov. 15, 2019, and subsequently transferred to Jacksonville. In the months leading up to his November arrest, Langhorne solicited help from an FBI undercover employee to create and disseminate an instructional video on building TATP-based explosive devices. Langhorne uploaded

the instructional material to a video sharing website after receipt from the undercover employee and was arrested several days later. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Langhorne Indictment](#), [Langhorne Complaint](#), [Jacksonville.com](#)

AHMAD KHALIL ELSHAZLY

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Ahmad Khalil Elshazly, a 22-year old resident of West Haven, Connecticut, was arrested and charged in the District of Connecticut with attempting to provide material support to IS. According to the affidavit, Elshazly repeatedly expressed interest "in saving money to join ISIS in Syria", and on multiple instances he described to FBI undercover employees his plans

to travel and the difficulties associated with joining IS. Elshazly allegedly pledged allegiance to IS on an on-line messaging application, and made plans to leave the United States and join IS by paying \$500 to a fixer to secure his passage by ship from Connecticut to Turkey. The FBI arrested Elshazly on December 15, 2019, after he arrived at a marina in Connecticut with the intent to board a fishing boat he believed would take him to a container ship bound for Turkey.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Elshazly Affidavit](#), [Elshazly Criminal Complaint](#)

KEVIN IMAN MCCORMICK

DEC 19

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The Department of Justice announced that Kevin Iman McCormick, a 26-year-old resident of Hamden, Connecticut, was charged by indictment with attempting to provide material support to IS. According to the affidavit, on October 12, 2019, McCormick attempted to board a flight from Connecticut to Jamaica but was prevented from boarding the flight by the Department of Homeland Security. Subsequently, McCormick, in coordination with two individuals, including one he believed to be an IS facilitator, planned to be smuggled into Canada and fly from Toronto to Amman with the goal of joining IS in Syria. McCormick was arrested on October 21, 2019 as he traveled to a private airport, where he reportedly believed he would board a plane to take him to Toronto. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [McCormick Affidavit](#), [McCormick Indictment](#), [New Haven Register](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

ALI KOURAN

DEC 3

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Ali Kourani, a 35-year-old native of Lebanon, was sentenced in the Southern District of New York to 40 years in prison on terrorism, sanctions, and immigration convictions stemming from Kourani's membership

in the Islamic Jihad Organization, the external operations arm of Hezbollah. Kourani provided and conspired to provide material support—including funds, goods, and services—to Hezbollah. Additionally, he received and conspired to receive weapons training from the organization and made false statements on his 2008 application for naturalization in the United States. He attended Hezbollah military-style training camps in Lebanon and was trained and deployed to the United States to plan and execute acts of terrorism. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Kourani Judgment](#), [New York Times](#)

NIHAD ROSIC

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Nihad Rosic, a 31-year-old resident of Utica, New York, pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of Missouri to conspiring to provide and providing material support to terrorists. Rosic is the last of a network of six individuals predominantly based in St. Louis who provided support to Abdullah Ramo Pazara, a Bosnian-American who left the United States in 2013 to join IS. Rosic wired \$500 to co-conspirators in the network who purchased and shipped supplies to Pazara for his use while fighting with IS in Syria. Rosic, who was prevented twice by the FBI from traveling to Syria to fight with IS, was arrested in 2015 alongside the other members of the network. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [StlToday](#), [Syracuse.com](#)

SAID AZZAM MOHAMED RAHIM

DEC 11

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Said Azzam Mohamed Rahim, a 42-year-old resident of Dallas, Texas, was sentenced in the Northern District of Texas to 30 years in prison for conspiring and attempting to provide material support to IS and for making false statements involving international terrorism to federal authorities. Rahim was arrested in March 2017 while attempting to board a flight to Jordan to join IS in Syria and Iraq. In the months leading up to his flight, Rahim made multiple statements in online forums promoting violence on behalf

of IS. When the FBI questioned him after his arrest in March, Rahim made multiple false statements related to his pro-IS online statements, including that he had not advocated for violence for IS. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Rahim Judgment](#), [Dallas News](#)

MOHAMED IBRAHIM AHMED

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Mohamed Ibrahim Ahmed, a 45-year-old Ethiopian national born in Eritrea and a lawful resident of Sweden, was found guilty by a jury in the Eastern District of Texas of attempting to provide material support to IS

and making a false statement to the FBI. Ahmed was previously convicted in the Southern District of New York of conspiring to provide material support to and receive military-type training from a foreign terrorist organization and sentenced to 111 months in federal prison. While serving his sentence at FCI-Beaumont, Ahmed recruited at least five inmates to join IS and to conduct terrorist attacks in the United States after their release, providing them with instructional manuals on combat and guerrilla warfare and discussing a plot to bomb the Federal Detention Center in New York City. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Ahmed Judgment](#), [Beaumont Enterprise](#), [AP](#)