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221 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.

160 have pleaded or were found guilty

13.2* the average length of sentence in years.

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

39%

were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

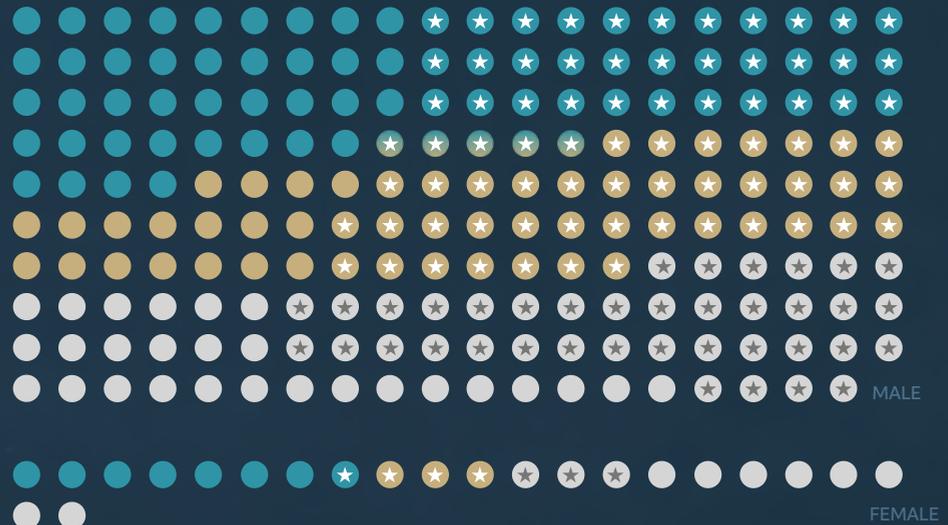
31%

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



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Apprehensions & Charges for Other Jihadist Groups

CHOLO ABDI ABDULLAH

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Cholo Abdi Abdullah, a 30-year-old citizen of Kenya, was charged in the Southern District of New York on multiple related counts of material support to Al-Shabaab, conspiracy to murder U.S. Nationals, and conspiracy to commit aircraft piracy and to destroy an aircraft. In 2016, Abdullah sought to obtain pilot training and knowledge of airport and aircraft security allegedly in order to conduct a terrorist attack on behalf of Al-Shabaab. Between 2017 and 2019, he enrolled in flight school in the Philippines and obtained his pilot's license. While in training, Abdullah allegedly conducted extensive research into the means and methods to hijack a commercial airliner, information about the tallest buildings in major U.S. cities, and the process to obtain a U.S. visa. He was arrested in July 2019 by authorities in the Philippines and recently remanded into U.S. custody.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Abdullah Indictment](#), [New York Times](#), [The Wall Street Journal](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

ABDULRAHMAN EL BAHNASAWY

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Abdulrahman El Bahnasawy, a 22-year-old inmate in the custody of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, reportedly stabbed a corrections officer in the eye. El Bahnasawy was arrested in May 2016 after he traveled from Canada to New York, where he planned to construct explosive devices to use in an attack in New York City on behalf of IS. El Bahnasawy, who was recently transferred to Allenwood Federal Penitentiary, Pennsylvania on November 2nd, was sentenced in 2018 in the Southern District of New York to 40 years in prison.

Sources: [Penn Live](#)