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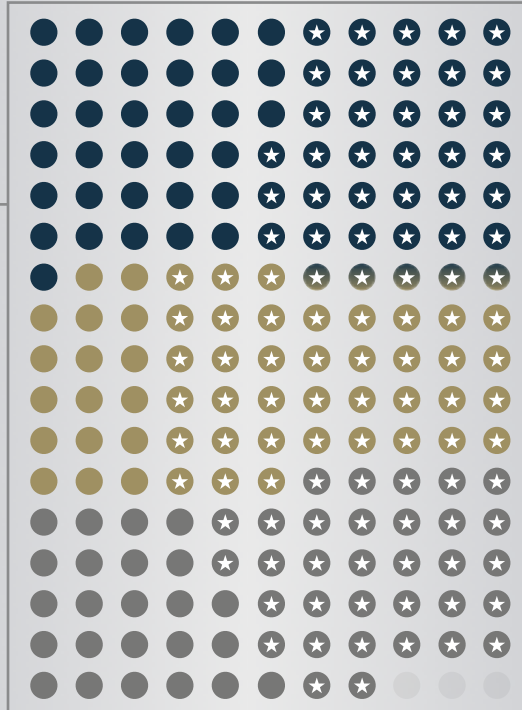
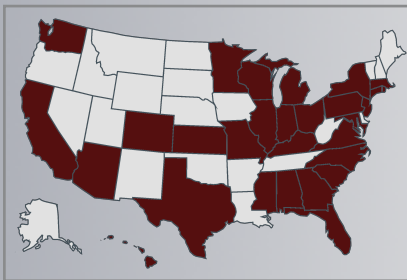
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204 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

155 HAVE PLEADED OR WERE FOUND GUILTY

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF SENTENCE IN YEARS IS **13.4***

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

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

IYMAN FARIS

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A federal judge in the Southern District of Illinois entered an order revoking the naturalized U.S. citizenship of Iyman Faris. Faris was convicted in 2003 of providing material support to al-Qaeda and sentenced to 20 years in prison. Faris plotted to collapse the Brooklyn Bridge in New York and communicated with al-Qaeda operatives regarding the feasibility of the plot. According to the judge's order, Faris' undisputed affiliation with al-Qaeda, beginning less than one year after he obtained naturalized U.S. citizenship, is *prima facie* proof he obtained citizenship by willful misrepresentation.

Faris has a projected release date of August 2020, at which point he may be subjected to removal proceedings. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Faris Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment and Memorandum of Points](#), [Faris Redacted Memorandum and Order](#), [Faris Judgment in a Civil Action](#)

NAYEF QASHOU

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Nayef Qashou, a resident of Auburn, Alabama, pleaded guilty in the Middle District of Alabama to providing false statements to a federal agency. Qashou, while knowingly under investigation for material support to terrorism, was interviewed by federal agents in September of 2018. According to the plea agreement, Qashou misrepresented the true number, nature and content of videos he had distributed, and failed to admit to federal agents that these videos contained Islamic State propaganda.

Qashou was arrested on September 16, 2019. Sources: [Nayef Qashou Plea Agreement](#)

DEMETRIUS NATHANIEL PITTS



Demetrius Nathaniel Pitts, a 50-year-old resident of Maple Heights, Ohio, was sentenced in the Northern District of Ohio to 14 years in prison for attempting to provide material support to al-Qaeda. Pitts was also sentenced to 5 years in prison each for threats against the President of the United States and for threats against family members of the President of the United States, which will run concurrently to the material support sentence. In June of 2018, Pitts, along with an individual he believed to be a fellow al Qaeda supporter, plotted to bomb a 4th of July parade on behalf of al Qaeda. Pitts conducted surveillance of targets in Cleveland and planned to travel to Philadelphia to conduct reconnaissance for future attacks. Additionally, in June of 2018, Pitts made statements threatening to kidnap the president and kill his family Pitts pleaded guilty to all charges in November of 2019. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Cleveland19](#), [News5Cleveland](#)

NOAH STIRN



A district judge in the Northern District of Florida sentenced Noah Stirn, a 24-year-old resident of Pensacola, Florida, to 110 months in prison for mailing threatening communications and threatening the use of explosives. Stirn admitted that, while incarcerated at Blackwater River Correctional Facility, he mailed threatening letters to numerous government offices in Florida, including the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Florida and the United States Attorney's Office in Pensacola. In these letters, which Stirn signed and mailed from the correctional facility, he stated "this is an orchestrated attack in the name of and for the cause of the Islamic State" and claimed he had placed explosives in the buildings. Sources: [Stirn Judgment](#)