

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

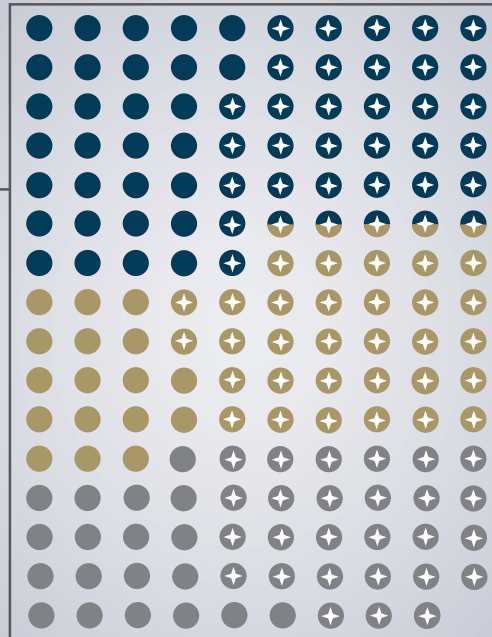
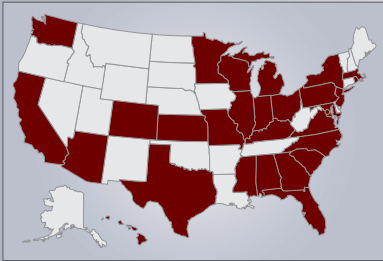
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**177** INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

**90%** are male

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



**41%** 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

The average length of sentence in years **13.5\*** **123** HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

\* Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission<sup>1</sup>

### Arrests (Islamic State)

#### ISMAIL HAMED

JAN 7 18 AZ

Authorities arrested Ismail Hamed, an 18-year-old resident of Fountain Hills, Arizona, after Hamed allegedly assaulted a police officer. Hamed faces Arizona state charges of aggravated assault, "providing advice, assistance, direction or management" to IS, and engaging in a terrorist act. On December 7, Hamed allegedly arrived at a local sheriff's office and repeatedly called 911 asking to speak with a deputy. In these calls, Hamed reportedly made statements indicating his affiliation with jihadist ideology. When a deputy exited the building to speak with Hamed in the parking lot, Hamed allegedly began to throw

rocks at the officer and brandished a knife. The deputy shot and wounded Hamed after he reportedly did not comply with instructions to drop his weapon. On January 24, Hamed pleaded not guilty to all charges. Sources: [Hamed Criminal Complaint 1/11/19](#), [Hamed Criminal Complaint 1/15/2019](#), [ABC](#), [Arizona Central](#), [Arizona Central](#)

#### MOHAMED SALAT HAJI, MOHAMUD ABDIKADIR MUSE & MUSE ABDIKADIR MUSE

JAN 21 26 23 20 MI

Federal law enforcement arrested three residents of Lansing, Michigan, for conspiring to provide material

support to IS. Mohamed Salat Haji (age 26) and Mohamud Abdikadir Muse (age 23) allegedly facilitated Muse Abdikadir Muse's (age 20) attempted travel to Somalia to join IS. Mohamud Muse and Haji facilitated the transfer of funds for Muse Muse to purchase his airline ticket and drove Muse Muse to the airport, knowing his intention to join IS in Somalia. The case came to the attention of authorities in April 2016 after Mohamud Muse allegedly shared pro-IS content on Facebook. The criminal complaint claims that all three men pledged allegiance to IS in videos sent to undercover agents online. Authorities arrested Muse Muse as he checked in for his flight at Gerald R. Ford Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and shortly thereafter apprehended Mohamud Muse and Mohamed Haji. **Sources:** [Muse et al. Criminal Complaint](#), [Muse et al. Continuation Sheet for Criminal Complaint](#), [DOJ Press Release](#)

## WARREN CHRISTOPHER CLARK

JAN 23 34 TX

A jury in the Southern District of Texas indicted Warren Christopher Clark, a 34-year-old former resident of Sugar Land, Texas, for attempting to provide material support to IS. Shortly thereafter, the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), which captured Clark in Syria on January 6, 2019, transferred him into U.S. custody. Clark, a University of Houston graduate and former substitute teacher, allegedly traveled to join IS with the hopes of teaching English. Program on Extremism researchers previously unearthed and published a resume and cover letter in which Clark offered his services to IS as a teacher. **Sources:** [DOJ Press Release](#), [Houston Chronicle](#), [New York Times](#), [SDF Press](#),

## Apprehensions/Charges for Other Jihadist Groups

### HASHER JALLAL TAHEB

JAN 16 21 GA

Authorities arrested Hasher Jallal Taheb, a 21-year-old resident of Cumming, Georgia, for allegedly planning to attack the White House. According to

court documents, Taheb allegedly communicated and plotted with undercover FBI employees to conduct a suicide attack against the White House and other landmarks in Washington, D.C. and New York City. During the investigation, Taheb reportedly stated that since he could not travel abroad to join a jihadist group due to not having a passport, he wished to conduct an attack in the United States. The FBI apprehended Taheb after he purchased inert weapons, including an AT-4 and firearms, from undercover law enforcement. **Sources:** [Taheb Criminal Complaint](#), [Washington Post](#), [New York Times](#)

## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

### IBRAHIM ZUBAR MOHAMMAD & SULTANE ROOM SALIM

JAN 18 39 43 OH

A federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio sentenced Ibrahim Zubar Mohammad, a 39-year-old resident of Toledo, Ohio, and Sultane Room Salim, a 43-year-old resident of Columbus, Ohio, to five years in prison for their concealment of activities related to the financing of terrorism. Specifically, the charges stem from a conspiracy by the pair of brothers to provide money, equipment and other assistance to Anwar Al-Awlaki and AQAP. The defendants made a series of financial transactions with the intent to raise funds for the organization, facilitate Zubar Mohammad's brother's travel to Yemen and provide \$22,000 to an associate of Al-Awlaki. **Sources:** [DOJ Press Release](#), [Salim and Mohammad Indictment](#), [Toledo Blade](#), [The Daily Jeffersonian](#)

### DAMON MICHAEL JOSEPH

JAN 29 21 OH

In a superseding indictment, a federal grand jury charged Damon Michael Joseph, a 21-year-old resident of Holland, Ohio, with attempting to provide material support to IS, attempting to commit a hate crime, and possessing firearms in furtherance of a crime a violence. In communication with undercover

FBI agents, Joseph allegedly stated his support for IS, shared plans to attack a synagogue, and discussed conducting a mass shooting. On December 7, 2018, authorities arrested Joseph after he obtained inoperable semi-automatic rifles from an undercover agent. Authorities initially charged Joseph on December 10, 2018 with one count of attempted material support to IS. Joseph allegedly planned to attack a synagogue in the Toledo area. **Sources:** [DOJ Press Release](#), [Joseph Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint and Arrest Warrant](#)

## CHARLTON EDWARD LACHASE

JAN 29

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A U.S. District Judge sentenced Charlton Edward LaChase, 28, of Fort Pierce, Florida, to 18 months in prison, after LaChase pled guilty to two counts of transmitting threats through interstate or foreign commerce. While LaChase was traveling in Latin America in January 2018, he threatened to kill a family member in the U.S and communicated his desire to commit an attack in the name of IS. Authorities arrested LaChase upon his return to Florida on February 4, 2018. **Sources:** [DOJ Press Release](#), [Superseding Indictment](#), [Criminal Complaint](#), [Response to Defendant's Request for Downward Variance](#)