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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

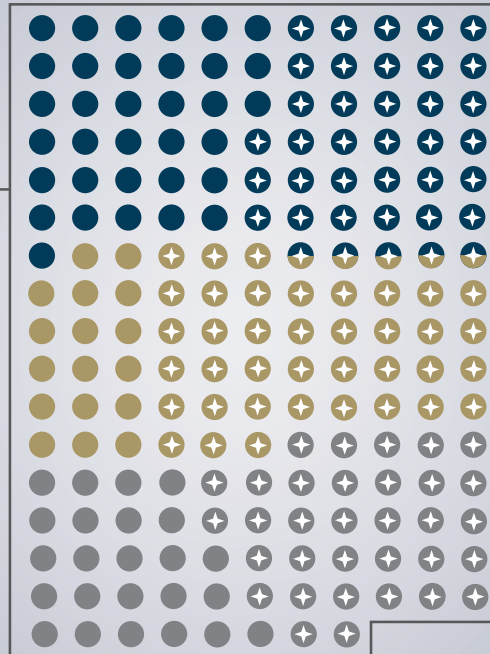
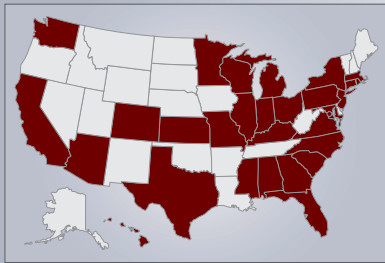
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204 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

149 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'

Apprehensions/Charges for Other Jihadist Groups

MIMI OULD BABA

JAN 15 32 NY

A criminal complaint was filed in the Eastern District of New York charging Mimi Ould Baba, a 32-year-old citizen of Mali, with the murder of U.S. citizen Michael J. Riddering and conspiring to provide material support to two designated foreign terrorist organizations, al-Murabitoun and al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM). According to the complaint, Baba played a "central role" in the facilitation of two terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire in 2016. Baba allegedly assisted the operations chief of

al-Murabitoun in the preparation and planning of both attacks, one of which resulted in the death of Michael Riddering and both of which were claimed by AQIM. Baba, who was arrested in 2017, remains in Malian custody pending investigation and prosecution by Malian authorities. Sources: [DOJ Press Release, Baba Complaint](#), [Fox News](#)

ALI YOUSIF AHMED AL-NOURI

JAN 31 42 AZ

Ali Yousif Ahmed Al-Nouri, a 42-year-old resident of Phoenix, Arizona, appeared before a magistrate judge in Phoenix in connection with an extradition request from the Republic of Iraq. According to the complaint, Al-Nouri has been charged with two counts

of premeditated murder in Iraq. The complaint alleges that Al-Nouri served as a leader of a group of Al-Qaeda members in Fallujah, Iraq, who murdered two police officers of the Fallujah Police Directorate in 2006. An Iraqi judge issued an arrest warrant for Al-Nouri on May 12, 2019 and the U.S. government subsequently filed a complaint and arrest warrant for Al-Nouri, who was arrested on January 30th.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [AZ Central](#), [Al-Nouri Complaint](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

ASIA SIDDIQUI

JAN 9 35  NY

Asia Siddiqui, a 35-year-old resident of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for her role in plotting to construct a bomb to use in a terrorist attack in the United States on behalf of IS. Siddiqui and her co-defendant Noelle Velentzas both pleaded guilty in August 2019 to one charge of teaching or distributing information pertaining to the making and use of an explosive, destructive device, or weapon of mass destruction in furtherance of a planned federal crime of violence. In furtherance of this plan, the pair researched the construction of plastic explosives and car bombs, shopped for and acquired materials to be used in an explosive device, and discussed potential law enforcement and military targets for an attack. Both were arrested in 2015 in possession of propane tanks, car bomb instructions, and other jihadist literature. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Siddiqui Judgment](#), [CNN](#)

JESUS WILFREDO ENCARNACION

JAN 22 30  NY

Jesus Wilfredo Encarnacion, a 30-year-old resident of New York, New York, pleaded guilty in the Southern District of New York to one count of attempting to provide material support to Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT).

According to court documents, Encarnacion expressed his desire to travel abroad to join the group in an online messaging application. He was virtually introduced to an individual who he believed would assist him in facilitating travel to join LeT, but in reality was an FBI undercover employee (UCE). During conversations with the UCE, Encarnacion discussed the steps he was taking to travel to join LeT, including the purchase of his plane ticket and his plans once he left the United States. Encarnacion was arrested at the John F. Kennedy International Airport while attempting to board the flight. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#)

MUSTAFA AL-IMAM

JAN 23 47

Mustafa al-Imam, a 47-year-old Libyan national, was sentenced to 236 months in prison on federal terrorism charges stemming from the September 11, 2012 attack on the U.S. Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya. Al-Imam was found guilty by a federal jury in the District of Columbia in June of 2019 on two counts - conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists and maliciously destroying property at the US diplomatic compound. According to the court documents, al-Imam played a "significant role" in the 2012 attack, communicating with militia leaders involved in the attack and removing sensitive information from the Mission. Al-Imam was captured in Libya in 2017.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [New York Times](#)

AHMAD KHAN RAHIMI

JAN 24 31  NJ

Ahmad Khan Rahimi, a 31-year-old resident of Elizabeth, New Jersey, was sentenced by a Superior Court Judge in New Jersey to an additional term of life in prison for the attempted murder of five police officers in a shootout in 2016. Rahimi, who is currently serving a life prison term for planting two bombs in New York's Chelsea neighborhood in 2016, was convicted by a jury in October of 2019 on 30 charges stemming from the shootout, including attempted murder and multiple counts of aggravated assault. The shooting occurred in Linden, New Jersey, two

days after one of Rahimi's two bombs exploded in Chelsea, injuring 30. sources: [NBC](#), [Associated Press](#)

ABDIRIZAK WEHELIE



Abdirizak Wehelie, a 68-year-old-resident of Burke, Virginia, was sentenced to one year of supervised probation in the Eastern District of Virginia after he pleaded guilty to doctoring transcripts when his own voice came up on intercepts of phone calls placed by a terrorism suspect. Wehelie, in his plea agreement in November of 2019, admitted that when he heard his own voice on the recorded phone calls, he listed it as that of an 'unidentified male.' Wehelie was arrested in May 2019. sources: [WTOP](#), [Washington Post](#), [Wehelie Sentencing Minute Entry](#)