

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

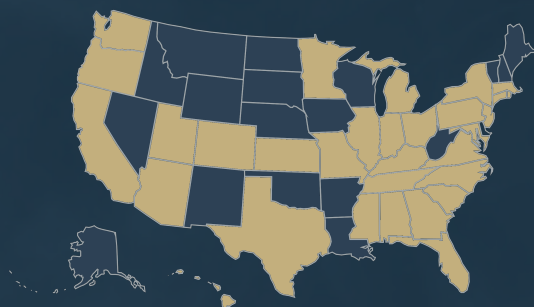
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**223** INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

Their activities were located in **32** states and the District of Columbia



**90%** are male

**28** the average age of those charged.

**162** 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

**38%**

were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

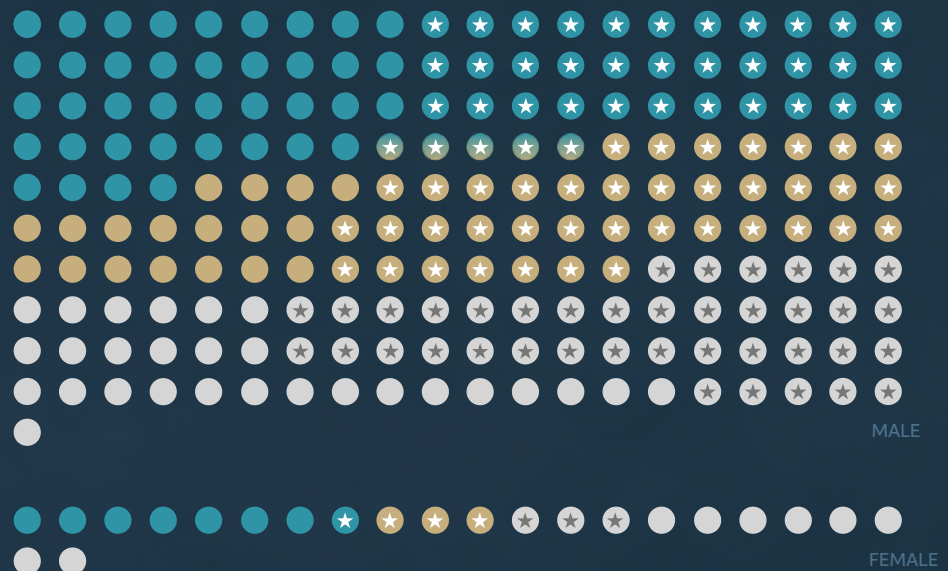
**30%**

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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## IS Arrests

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### KHALED MIAH

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Khaled Miah, a 27-year-old resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was charged in the Western District of Pennsylvania with one count of making interstate threatening communications, one count of influencing, impeding or retaliating against a Federal law enforcement officer, and one count of destruction of records in a federal investigation. According to the affidavit, a search of Miah's electronic devices uncovered "ISIS propaganda videos and documents, extensive research of the Tsarnaev brothers, Omar Mateen, and other terrorists, and communications and self-recordings by MIAH that exhibited his ideological beliefs and support for violence." The government further alleges that Miah, after being visited at his home by law enforcement, used multiple Twitter accounts to harass law enforcement officers and their family members, and to obstruct a federal investigation.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Affidavit, TribLive

### MOHAMED NAUFAR, MOHAMED ANWAR MOHAMED RISKAN & AHAMED MILHAN HAYATHU MOAHMED

JAN 08  CA

The Justice Department announced charges against three Sri Lankan citizens — Mohamed Naufar, Mohamed Anwar Mohamed Riskan, and Ahamed Milhan Hayathu Moahmed — in the Central District of California for their alleged involvement in the Easter attacks in Sri Lanka in 2019, which killed 268 people, including five U.S. citizens. According to the complaint, the three defendants had roles in the conspiracy, through which they conspired to provide, provided, and attempted to provide

material support, including services and personnel, to IS. Naufar and Milhan are further charged with aiding and abetting the receipt of military-type training from IS.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Criminal Complaint, Los Angeles Times

### COLE JAMES BRIDGES

JAN 19 20  GA

Cole James Bridges, a 20-year-old resident of Stowe, Ohio, was arrested and charged with attempting to provide material support to IS and attempting to murder U.S. military service members. The criminal complaint details conversations between Bridges and FBI online covert employee (OCE) whom Bridges believed to be a member of IS. In these conversations, Bridges is alleged to have expressed his support for IS and provided tactical instructions and support for a purported ambush of U.S. soldiers. The complaint details a conversation in which Bridges, a private first class in the U.S. Army, explains that the IS members should "rig the house with explosives And have a group of brothers observe Until the raid starts and then just blow the house up." Bridges is also alleged to have provided the OCE with a video of himself standing in front of an IS flag, promoting the purported IS attack on U.S. soldiers.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Bridges Complaint, Bridges Indictment, NBC New York

## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

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### ABDELHAMID AL-MADIOUM

JAN 13 24  MN

Abdelhamid Al-Madioum, a 24-year-old native of Morocco and naturalized U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty in the District of

Minnesota with providing material support to IS. In pleading, Al-Madioum admitted that in 2015 he traveled with his family from Morocco to Turkey and then Syria, where he joined IS. Al-Madioum's plea agreement notes that he "remained a member of ISIS and continued to receive a stipend until his surrender to the SDF in or near Baghouz, Syria, in March of 2019." Al-Madioum was transferred into FBI custody and repatriated to the United States in September 2020.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Al-Madioum Plea Agreement, MPR News

## AZIZJON RAKHMATOV



Azizjon Rakhmatov, a 32-year-old citizen of Uzbekistan and resident of New Haven, Connecticut, was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to 150 months in prison for conspiring to provide material support to IS. Rakhmatov, who pleaded guilty in August 2019, admitted to transferring \$400 into a co-defendant's bank account with the intention of facilitating another co-defendant's travel to Syria to join IS.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Rakhmatov Judgment, Daily Voice

## JAYLYN CHRISTOPHER MOLINA



Jaylyn Christopher Molina, a 22-year-old resident of San Antonio, pleaded guilty in the Western District of Texas to one count of conspiring to provide material support to IS and one count of receiving child pornography. In pleading, Molina admitted to administering a members-only chat group in an encrypted application dedicated to posting and sharing pro-IS content. Molina further acknowledged that he posted IS propaganda, attempted to recruit individuals to join IS, and disseminated bomb-making instructions. Molina admitted to conspiring with 34-year-old South Carolina resident Kristopher

Sean Matthews, who pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support to IS in November 2020.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, CBS11