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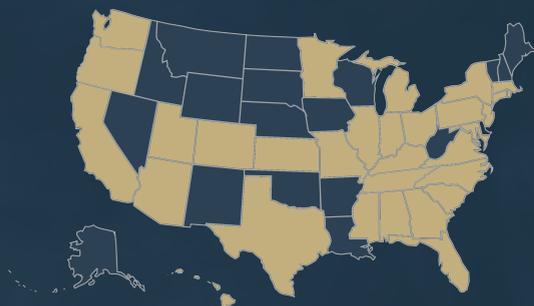
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236 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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



90% are male

28 the average age of those charged.

182 have pleaded or were found guilty

13.1* the average length of sentence in years.

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

40%

were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

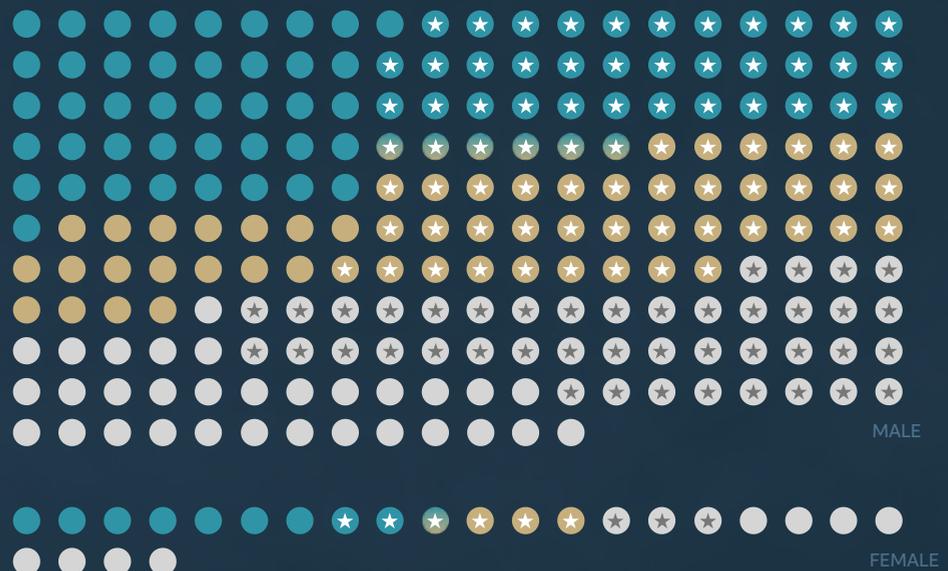
29%

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



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Arrests (Islamic State)

ALLISON ELIZABETH FLUKE-EKREN

JAN 29



A criminal complaint in the Eastern District of Virginia was unsealed charging **Allison Elizabeth Fluke-Ekren** with providing and conspiring to provide material support to IS. Fluke-Ekren allegedly traveled to Syria for the purpose of committing or supporting terrorism on behalf of IS. Her activities allegedly included taking on a leadership role in ‘Khatiba Nusaybah,’ a military battalion comprised solely of female IS members. According to the complaint, Fluke-Ekren became the leader and organizer for the group, which was taught physical and medical training as well as Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) driving courses. Fluke-Ekren also allegedly trained numerous IS women and children in the use of AK-47 assault rifles, grenades, and explosive suicide belts. Fluke-Ekren was previously apprehended in Syria and transferred into FBI custody on January 28, 2022.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Criminal Complaint, Government’s Memorandum in Support of Detention, USA Today

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

GEORGIANNA GIAMPIETRO

JAN 18

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Georgianna Giampietro, a 36-year-old resident of Sparta, Tennessee, pleaded guilty in the Middle District of Tennessee to concealing material support and resources intended to be provided to Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham (HTS). An FBI undercover online employee (UCE) in communication with Giampietro

inquired about a contact they could send money to in order to support the mujahadeen, at which point Giampietro shared the contact information for Merciful Hands and referred to them as a “trusted brother.” According to court documents Giampietro sent \$700 to Merciful Hands, a group that announced it was seeking donations to support foreign fighters. Giampietro also sent \$150 to a Syria-based individual who was an administrator for an entity that solicited funds online “to aid the mujahadeen in Syria.” The UCE subsequently told Giampietro of their plans to travel to Syria to join HTS, and Giampietro shared contact information for the Syria-based individual in order to assist in travel preparations and logistics for the UCS’s travel to Syria.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Plea Agreement, WKRN

SAMUEL BAPTISTE

JAN 20

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Samuel Baptiste, a 29-year-old resident of Miami, Florida, was sentenced in the Southern District of Florida to 180 months in prison for attempting to provide material support to terrorists. In November 2016, Baptiste posted and distributed documents online pertaining to the construction of explosive devices. These documents were shared with the intent that this information be used for and in furtherance of a federal crime of violence. In pleading guilty in October 2021, Baptiste admitted that the distribution of these documents was done by acting in concert with, and providing information to, persons he believed were acting on behalf of IS.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Judgment, AP News

JONATHAN GUERRA BLANCO

JAN 28



Jonathan Guerra Blanco, a resident of Lehigh Acres, Florida, was sentenced to 192 months in prison in the Southern District of Florida for attempting to provide material support to IS. Guerra Blanco, who pleaded guilty in December 2020, admitted he translated IS materials and produced videos that he intended to use to recruit Spanish speakers to IS. Guerra Blanco used his two IS media networks to glorify the group’s violence, distribute fundraising requests and recruitment material, and call for attacks in the West. Guerra Blanco produced and disseminated a video calling for the death of a Spanish counterterrorism judge, claiming he should “die by a sticky bomb” and providing the judge’s name and address.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Judgment, Miami Herald