

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

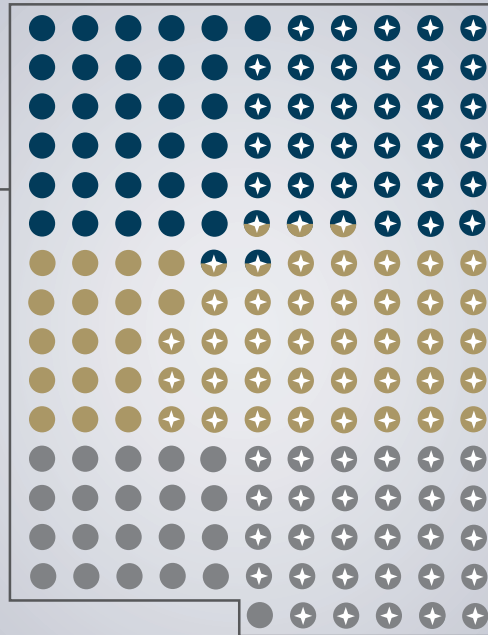
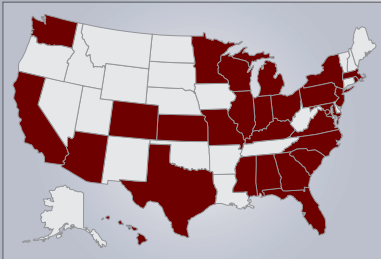
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**191** INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

**89%** are male

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



**40%** 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

**138** 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'

### Arrests (Islamic State)

#### MOYAD DANNON & MAHDE DANNON

JUL 11 21 20 IN

A jury in the Southern District of Indiana charged Moyad Dannon (21) and Mahde Dannon (20), both residents of Fishers, Indiana, with multiple firearms felonies in addition to attempting to provide material support to IS. The Dannon brothers allegedly sold both illegally-obtained and illegally-manufactured firearms to FBI undercover employees (UCEs). Additionally, the brothers are accused of agreeing to illegally manufacture 55 unlicensed firearms for an individual they believed would ship those weapons overseas to members of IS. Court documents indicate that, in furtherance of this agreement, they

sold five such weapons to the UCEs at the southwest border of the United States before being arrested by the FBI. sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Dannon Complaint](#), [Dannon Indictment](#), [IndyStar](#)

#### RUSLAN ASAINOV

JUL 18 41 NY

Ruslan Asainov, a 41-year-old former resident of Brooklyn, New York, was charged in the Eastern District of New York for providing and attempting to provide material support to IS. He is alleged to have traveled to Syria through Turkey in December of 2013 in order to join the group. Court documents allege that Asainov rose to the rank of commander and trained other IS fighters in weapons handling. Additionally, Asainov is alleged to have attempted to recruit another

individual in the U.S. to travel to join IS in Syria. Asainov was captured by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), transferred into FBI custody and was returned to the United States on July 18, 2019. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Asainov Complaint](#), [Asainov Government Detention Memo](#), [CBS News](#)

## AHMED MAHAD MOHAMED & ABDI YEMANI HUSSEIN

JUL 26 21 20 AZ

Ahmed Mahad Mohamed (21) and Abdi Yemani Hussein (20), both residents of Tucson, Arizona, were arrested and charged with attempting to provide material support to IS. The two exchanged multiple communications with an FBI undercover employee in which they expressed their support for IS. After multiple discussions over which of IS's affiliates they would join, they allegedly decided on joining the group's affiliate in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt. Court documents allege that Mohamed and Hussein purchased plane tickets to travel from Tucson International Airport to Cairo, Egypt, with the intention of crossing over into the Sinai to join IS. FBI agents detained Mohamed and Hussein at the Tucson International Airport. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Mohamed and Hussein Complaint](#), [AZ Central](#)

## Apprehensions & Charges for Other Jihadist Groups

### DELOWAR MOHAMMED HOSSAIN

JUL 26 33 NY

Delowar Mohammed Hossain, a 33-year-old resident of the Bronx, New York, was arrested and charged with one count of attempting to provide material support for terrorism. According to the criminal complaint, Hossain had repeatedly expressed his desire to join the Taliban and fight against American forces in Afghanistan. Hossain allegedly attempted to recruit a confidential human source to travel with him to

Pakistan, with the ultimate goal of crossing the border into Afghanistan. FBI agents detained Hossain at the John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Hossain Complaint](#), [CNN](#), [NBC New York](#)

## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

### KAAN SERCAN DAMLARKAYA

JUL 8 20 TX

Kaan Sercan Damlarkaya, a 20-year-old former resident of Houston, Texas, pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to IS. Damlarkaya revealed to confidential FBI sources that he had attempted twice, both times unsuccessfully, to join IS in Syria in 2014 and 2015, and was making preliminary plans to join the group in 2017. He also provided information on explosives construction to multiple IS supporters through social media, and discussed various attack strategies with these individuals. Damlarkaya will be sentenced on September 30, 2019, and faces up to 20 years in federal prison. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Damlarkaya Plea Agreement](#), [Damlarkaya Complaint](#), [Chron](#)

### TAYYAB TAHIR ISMAIL

JUL 18 33 FL

Tayyab Tahir Ismail, a 33-year-old former resident of Pembroke Pines, Florida, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for distributing information pertaining to explosives, destructive devices, and weapons of mass destruction. From July to September 2018, Ismail posted bomb-making instructions on encrypted mobile messaging chat rooms used by IS sympathizers. According to court documents, Ismail shared the explosives instructional materials with the intent that they be used to conduct violence in support of IS. He was arrested on December 14, 2018, and pleaded guilty in February of 2019. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Ismail Judgment](#), [South Florida Sun](#)