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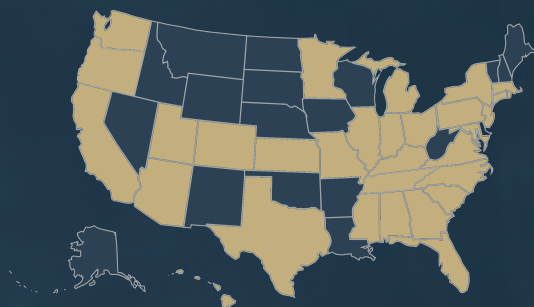
229 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

90% are male

28 the average age of those charged.

171 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

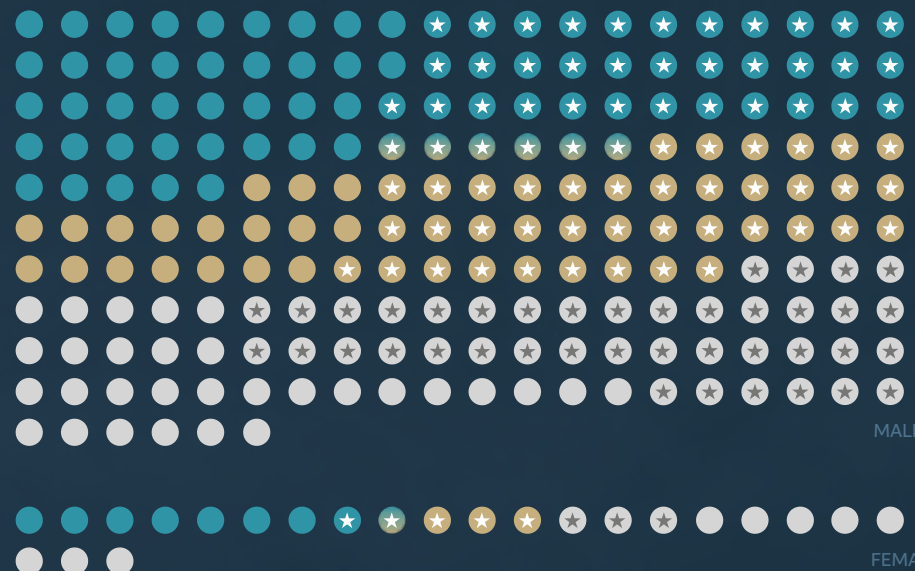**39%** were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

30% were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

57% were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ *indicates law enforcement operation*

MALE

FEMALE

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Legal Proceedings
(IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

MOHAMED HAJI

JUN 9 | 28 | MI

Mohamed Haji, a 28-year-old resident of Lansing, Michigan, pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support to IS. In pleading, Haji admitted to conspiring with his two co-defendants — Muse Muse and Mohamud Muse, who have previously pleaded guilty — to support the travel of Muse Muse to join IS in Somalia. Following Muse Muse's communications with an individual he believed to be a Somali IS fighter, the trio facilitated the transfer of funds for Muse Muse to purchase his airline ticket and drove him to the airport, knowing his intention to join IS in Somalia. Muse Muse was arrested at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, Michigan, after he checked in for a flight with the ultimate destination of Mogadishu. Mohamud Muse and Mohamed Haji were arrested shortly after.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Haji Plea Agreement, MLive

NOELLE VELENTZAS

JUN 16 | 33 | NY

Noelle Velentzas, a 33-year-old resident of Queens, New York, was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to 198 months in prison after pleading guilty in August 2019 to 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. Between 2013 and their arrest in 2015, Velentzas and her co-conspirator Asia Siddiqui planned to construct a bomb for use in a terrorist attack in the United States. In furtherance of this goal, the pair conducted research on plastic explosives and how to build a car bomb, and shopped for and acquired materials to be used in an explosive device. Siddiqui was sentenced in January 2020 to 180 months in prison.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Newsweek

MARIAM TAHA THOMPSON

JUN 23 | 62 | MN

Mariam Taha Thompson, a 62-year-old resident of Rochester, Minnesota, was sentenced to 23 years in prison for delivering classified national defense information to aid a foreign government. In 2017, Thompson, a contract linguist at an overseas U.S. military facility, began communicating with her unindicted co-conspirator, a Lebanese national, and over time developed a romantic interest in the individual. Following the U.S. airstrikes in Iraq in January 2020 which resulted in the death of Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force commander Qasem Soleimani and Kata'ib Hezbollah founder Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, her unindicted co-conspirator asked Thompson to provide Lebanese Hezbollah with information related to human assets who had assisted the United States in the operation. Thompson subsequently accessed and provided classified national defense information to the individual with the belief that it would be passed on to Lebanese Hezbollah. At the time of her arrest in February 2020, Thompson had used her access to classified national defense information to provide her unindicted co-conspirator with the identities of at least eight clandestine human assets and at least 10 U.S. targets. Thompson pleaded guilty in March 2021.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Washington Post, Thompson Judgment