

GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

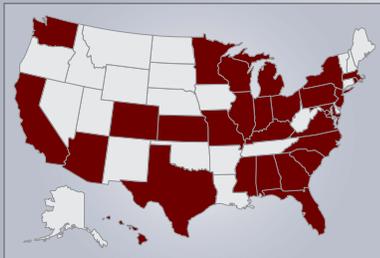
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161 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

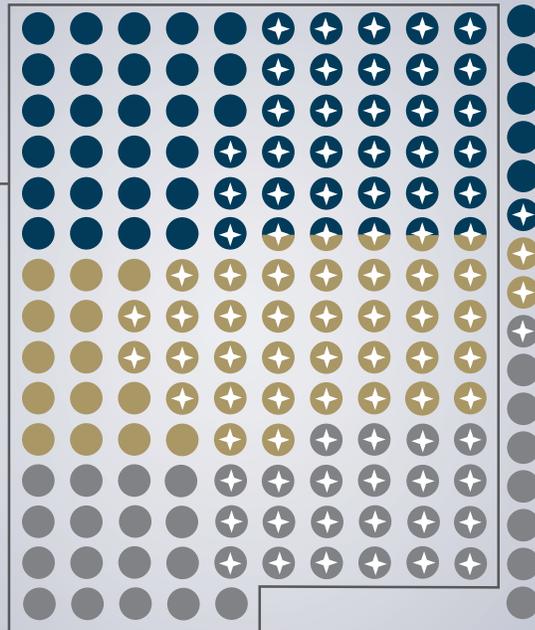
The average age of those charged is **28**

90% are male

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



The average length of sentence in years **13.5***



41% were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

33% 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

108 HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

* Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission¹

Arrests

MATIN AZIZI-YARAND

MAY 2 17 TX

Law enforcement officials arrested Matin Azizi-Yarand, a 17-year-old of Plano, TX, for plotting to carry out an IS inspired terrorist attack against the Stonebriar Center in Frisco, TX. In 2017, Azizi-Yarand told an FBI informant during an online conversation that he wanted to conduct a terrorist attack. Over four months, he discussed possible targets with two different FBI informants. Officials said Azizi-Yarand sent more than \$1,400 to others to purchase weapons and body-armor for him, which he intended to use in an

attack on the center in May 2018. He faces charges for criminal solicitation of capital murder and making a terrorist threat. sources: [Azizi-Yarand Arrest Warrant](#), [DOJ Press Release](#), [ABC News](#), [NBC News](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

SAMUEL RAHAMIN TOPAZ

MAY 1 24 NJ

A federal court sentenced Samuel Rahamin Topaz, a 24-year-old resident of Fort Lee, NJ, to eight years in prison and a lifetime of supervised release for conspiring to provide material support to IS. After his ar-

rest on June 17, 2015, Topaz admitted he planned to travel overseas to join IS and saved money for the trip. Topaz and two others intended to travel abroad to meet a co-conspirator and then travel onward to join IS. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Reuters](#)

EDWARD ARCHER

MAY 14 38 PA

A court sentenced Edward Archer, a 33-year-old resident of Philadelphia, PA, to 48 ½ years in prison for an IS-inspired attempted murder and aggravated assault of Philadelphia police officer Jesse Hartnett. On January 7, 2016, Archer shot Hartnett multiple times while he was sitting in his patrol car. During his interrogation, Archer pledged allegiance to IS and said he was inspired by the organization to conduct the attack. Sources: [Reuters](#), [The Inquirer](#)

GREGORY HUBBARD, DAYNE ANTANI CHRISTIAN & DARREN ARNESS JACKSON

MAY 16 54 33 51 FL

A federal court sentenced co-conspirators Gregory Hubbard, a 54-year-old resident of West Palm Beach, FL, to 12 years in prison, Dayne Antani Christian, a 33-year-old from Lake Park, FL to eight years in prison, and Darren Arness Jackson, a 51-year-old resident of West Palm Beach, FL, to four years in prison for conspiring to provide material support to IS. In April 2015, Hubbard, an ex-Marine, admitted to an FBI informant that he was considering joining IS and emailed the informant a 100-page IS manual about training, battlefield strategy, and how to enter Syria without being detected. Hubbard, Christian, and Jackson also repeatedly expressed support for IS. On July 21, 2016, officials arrested the three at the Miami International Airport. Hubbard attempted to travel with an FBI confidential human source (CHS) to join IS in Syria, and Jackson drove them to the airport. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Sun Sentinel](#), [CBS 12](#)

ALEXANDER CICCULO

MAY 21 25 MA

Alexander Ciccolo, a 25-year-old resident of Adams, MA, pleaded guilty to one count of attempting to provide material support to IS, one count of attempting to use weapons of mass destruction, one count of being a convicted person in possession of firearms, and one count of assaulting a nurse. In 2015, Ciccolo, the son of a Boston Police officer, came to the attention of the FBI after his father tipped off authorities he wanted to join IS. Prior to Ciccolo's arrest, a CHS recorded conversations of Ciccolo describing plans to commit IS inspired attacks with improvised explosive devices. On July 4, 2015, Ciccolo received firearms from a CHS and was arrested immediately after. Following his arrest, Ciccolo stabbed a nurse at Franklin County Correctional Center in MA. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [CBS Boston](#), [NBC News](#)

AKRAM MUSLEH

MAY 23 20 IN

Akram Musleh, a 20-year-old resident of Brownsburg, IN, pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support to IS. According to court documents, in 2013, Musleh posted videos of al-Qaeda leader Anwar al-Awlaki online and, in April 2015, he bought a ticket to Irbil, Iraq but never showed up for the flight. He also asked other youth in his community if they wanted to join IS. In June 2015, he attempted to travel to Turkey; however, authorities prohibited it because his passport was set to expire. On May 2, 2016, a search of Musleh's phone revealed searches for information on explosive materials. On June 21, 2016, officials arrested Musleh for attempting to fly from New York City to IS territory by way of Morocco. Sources: [Musleh Plea Agreement](#), [DOJ Press Release](#), [Fox 59](#)

MAALIK ALIM JONES

MAY 29 33 MD

May 29: A federal court sentenced Maalik Alim Jones, a 33-year-old resident of Baltimore, MD to 35 years in

prison for conspiring to provide material support to the Somalia based terrorist organization al-Shabaab, conspiring to receive military training from al Shabab, and carrying and using an AK-47 machine gun, rocket-propelled grenades, and other destructive weapons for al Shabab. In June 2011, Jones traveled from Kenya to Somalia to join the terrorist organization. For four years, Jones trained, worked, and fought with al Shabab. Jones became a part of their specialized training force, Jaysh Ayman, and participated in combat against Kenyan forces. On December 7, 2015, Somali authorities took Jones into custody.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [NBC News](#)