

# NEO-FASCIST SKULLMASK MOVEMENT

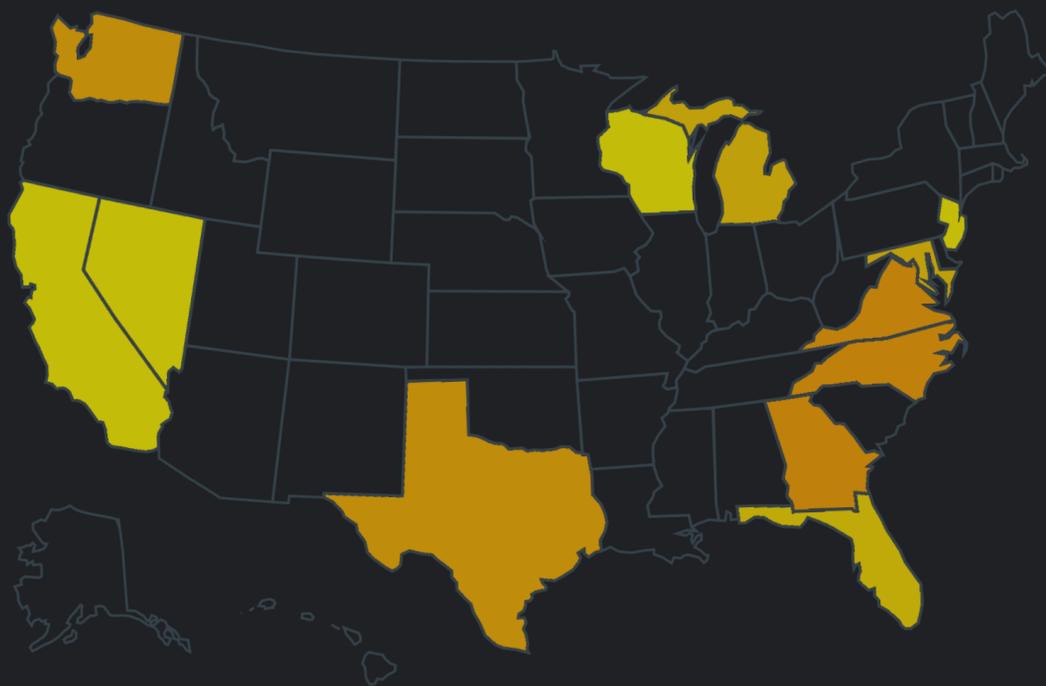


**35** have been charged in the U.S. with offenses related to the neo-fascist skullmask movement, including individuals affiliated with Atomwaffen Division, Feuerkrieg Division, and The Base

**21** individuals pleaded or were found guilty at trial

## NUMBERS BY STATE

To date, 12 states have had at least one charge within their borders



CA	●	1
FL	●●	2
GA	●●●●●	5
MD	●●●	3
MI	●●●	3
NC	●●●●●	5
NJ	●	1
NV	●	1
TX	●●●●	4
VA	●●●●●	5
WA	●●●●	4
WI	●	1

**4.9**

years average sentence length

**100%**  
are male

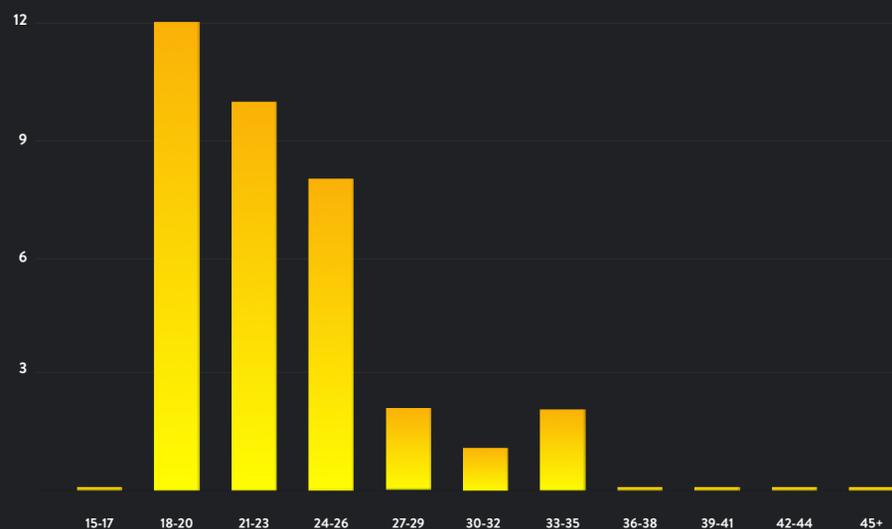
**60%**

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

**54%**

were arrested in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent

## AGE



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## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS FROM OCTOBER 2021 - FEBRUARY 2022

### **Patrik Jordan Mathews and Brian Mark Lemley Jr.**

**Date:** October 28, 2021

**Age:** 29 (Mathews), 35 (Lemley, Jr.)

**State:** States: Maryland, Delaware

A federal judge sentenced Patrick Jordan Mathews, a 29-year-old resident of Newark, Delaware, and Brian Mark Lemley, a 35-year-old resident of Newark, Delaware and Elkton, Maryland, each to nine years in prison. The two men were members of the Base, an accelerationist white supremacist group, who planned to stockpile and train with firearms in furtherance of a racially-motivated terrorist attack plot. In August 2019, Mathews, a Canadian national who previously served in the Canadian Armed Forces, illegally crossed the U.S. border in order to participate in military training camps operated by the Base in the U.S. Lemley and a third co-defendant, William Garfield Bilbrough IV, met Mathews, attended a training camp for the Base in Georgia with him, and then harbored him at a Newark, Delaware apartment building. From November 2019 until January 2020, Lemley and Mathews attended firing ranges to test out a gun that they had constructed, which they planned to use to conduct several terrorist attacks on or around January 2020 with the intent of provoking mass violence and societal collapse in the U.S. Federal agents arrested Lemley and Mathews on January 16, 2020, but before the warrant was successfully conducted, both men destroyed their mobile phones. In June 2021, Mathews and Lemley each pleaded guilty to several federal charges including transporting, harboring and providing firearms to aliens, interstate transport of illegal firearms, and obstructing justice.

**Sources:** Mathews Judgment, Lemley Judgment, DOJ Press Release

### **Michael Heltenbrand**

**Date:** November 17, 2021

**Age:** 27

**State:** Georgia

A court in Floyd County, Georgia sentenced Michael Heltenbrand to 20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to conspiring to kill a local antifascist activist in Bartow County, Georgia. Heltenbrand, a 27-year-old resident of Dalton, Georgia, was a member of the accelerationist white supremacist group the Base. Alongside the Base members Luke Austin Lane and Jacob Kaderli, and a fourth man whom Heltenbrand believed was a member of the Base, Heltenbrand planned to ambush and execute the local activist during the fall and winter of 2019 as a response to antifascist efforts to identify and expose members of the Base. In reality, the fourth individual was an FBI undercover employee, and Heltenbrand, Lane, and Kaderli were all arrested in January 2020. Two days after Heltenbrand pleaded guilty, Lane and Kaderli also pleaded guilty and were respectively sentenced to six and 13 years in prison.

### **Luke Austin Lane and Jacob Kaderli**

**Date:** November 19, 2021

**Age:** 23 (Lane), 21 (Kaderli)

**State:** Georgia

A court in Floyd County, Georgia sentenced Luke Austin Lane to six years in prison and Jacob Kaderli to 13 years in prison after they pleaded guilty to conspiring to kill a local antifascist activist in Bartow County, Georgia. Lane, a 23-

year-old resident of Silver Creek, Georgia, and Kaderli, a 21-year-old resident of Dacula, Georgia, were both members of the accelerationist white supremacist group the Base. In conjunction with Michael Helterbrand and a fourth individual whom they believed to be a member of the Base, Lane and Kaderli began their plans to ambush and execute the local activist as a response to antifascist efforts to identify and expose members of the Base. In reality, the fourth individual was an FBI undercover employee, and Helterbrand, Lane, and Kaderli were all arrested in January 2020. Helterbrand also pleaded guilty on November 17, 2021, and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

## **Kaleb Cole**

**Date:** January 11, 2022

**Age:** 25

**State:** Washington

25-year-old Kaleb Cole, a leader of the accelerationist white supremacist group Atomwaffen Division (AWD), was sentenced to 84 months in federal prison. In September 2021, the Arlington, Washington man was found guilty by a federal jury on one count of interference with a federally-protected activity due to religion, three counts of mailing threatening communications, and one count of conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, including interfering with federally-protected activities, mailing threatening communications, and cyberstalking. Cole and other Atomwaffen Division members delivered threatening posters to the houses of several journalists and researchers throughout the country, some of which told recipients that they “had been visited by their local Nazis.” Cole and three co-conspirators were arrested in February 2020; the other co-conspirators Cameron Shea, Johnny Roman Garza, and Taylor Ashley Parker-Dipeppe have each been convicted and sentenced.

**Source:** DOJ Press Release

## **Thomas Francis Denton**

**Date:** January 12, 2022

**Age:** 32

**State:** Michigan

Thomas Francis Denton, a 32-year-old resident of Bad Axe, Michigan, was sentenced to 48 months by a court in Tuscola County (Michigan) after he pleaded no contest to conspiring to teach the use of firearms for a civil disorder and committing larceny while in possession of a firearm. The charges stemmed from Denton’s role in an October 3, 2020 incident where three members of the Base broke into two former state prisons managed by the Michigan Department of Corrections. The Base members assessed the potential for using the vacant facilities as paramilitary training sites, and also stole clothing from one of the former prisons. The cases for Denton’s two co-defendants Tristan Webb and Justen Watkins, the latter of whom claims to be one of the Base’s leaders, are ongoing.

**Source:** Huron Daily Tribune