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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

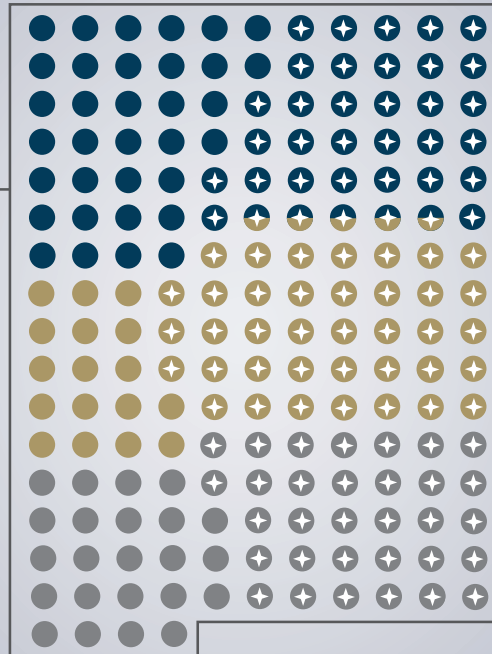
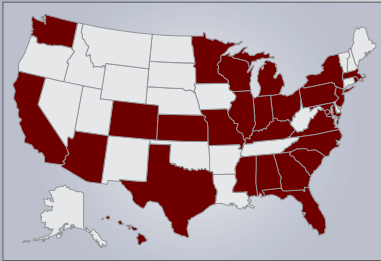
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200 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

90% are male

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



39% 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

147 PLEAD OR WERE FOUND GUILTY

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF SENTENCE IN YEARS IS **13.4***

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

Arrests (Islamic State)

JASON BROWN

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Jason Brown, a 37-year-old resident of Lombard, Illinois, was arrested and charged in the Northern District of Illinois with attempting to provide material support and resources to IS. According to court documents, Brown, the alleged leader of the AHK street gang based in Chicago's Bellwood suburbs, provided three separate cash payments totaling \$500 throughout 2019 to an intermediary with the understanding that the money would be sent to an individual fighting on behalf of IS in Syria. The criminal complaint against Brown also alleges that he was recruiting and

attempting to radicalize members of AHK to support IS. Seven other alleged AHK members were arrested the same day on federal drug charges. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Brown Complaint](#), [CBS2](#)

THOMAS OSADZINSKI

NOV 18 20 IL

Thomas Osadzinski, a 20-year-old resident of Chicago, Illinois, was arrested and charged in the Northern District of Illinois with attempting to provide material support to IS. The complaint against Osadzinski alleges that he designed a computer processing script to allow IS supporters to more easily access and disseminate propaganda produced by the group. Osadzinski then allegedly shared both

the script and user instructions to individuals he believed to be IS supporters and representatives within the group's media department. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Osadzinski Complaint](#), [WTVR](#)

SALMAN RASHID

NOV 25 23  FL

Salman Rashid, a 23-year-old resident of North Miami Beach, Florida, made his first appearance in a district court in the Southern District of Florida on the charge of solicitation to commit a crime of violence. According to the criminal complaint, Rashid solicited an individual in May 2019 to contact and instruct members of IS to conduct a terrorist attack. Rashid then communicated with an individual he believed to be a member of IS, providing this individual with names and locations of two college deans and instructed the individual to carry out attacks against them. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Rashid Complaint](#), [Washington Post](#)

ZACHARY CLARK

NOV 27 40  NY

Zachary Clark, a 40-year-old resident of Brooklyn, New York, was arrested and charged in the Southern District of New York with attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization and with distribution of information relating to explosives, destructive devices, and weapons of mass destruction. According to the criminal complaint, Clark posted bomb making instructional material on various pro-IS chatrooms, and called on members to use these instructions to carry out attacks in New York City. Clark also allegedly provided members with direction on how to select an attack target, conduct pre-attack surveillance, plan, and avoid attracting attention before and during an attack operation. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Clark Complaint](#), [ABC7](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

DEMETRIUS NATHANIEL PITTS

NOV 5 50  OH

Demetrius Nathaniel Pitts, a 50-year-old former resident of Maple Heights, Ohio, pleaded guilty to charges of attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization, making threats against the President of the United States, and against family members of the President of the United States. In June of 2018, Pitts, along with an individual he believed to be a fellow al Qaeda supporter, plotted to bomb a 4th of July parade on behalf of al Qaeda. Pitts conducted surveillance of targets in Cleveland and planned to travel to Philadelphia to conduct reconnaissance for future attacks. Additionally, in June of 2018, Pitts made statements threatening to kidnap the president and kill his family. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [WKYC](#), [ABC5](#)

ABDIRIZAK WEHELIE

NOV 8 66  VA

Abdirizak Wehelie, a 66-year-old former resident of Burke, Virginia, pleaded guilty to making false statements. According to court documents, Wehelie, in his role as an FBI translator in 2012, was translating recorded phone calls of an individual under surveillance by the FBI for helping a third individual join al-Shabaab. Wehelie admitted that, when he heard his own voice on the recorded phone calls, he listed it as that of an 'unidentified male. Wehelie was arrested in May 2019. Sources: [Wehelie Plea Agreement](#), [AP News](#), [TwinCities](#)

RAMIZ HODZIC

NOV 14 45  MO

Ramiz Hodzic, a 45-year-old former resident of St. Louis County, Missouri, was sentenced in the Eastern District of Missouri to 96 months in prison for

conspiring to provide and providing material support to terrorists. According to court documents, Hodzic conspired to support the activities of Abdullah Ramo Pazara, who left the United States in 2013 to join IS. Hodzic supported Pazara financially, providing funds that were used by co-conspirators to purchase supplies for Pazara to use overseas with IS. Hodzic pleaded guilty in April of 2019. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [StlToday](#), [NYPost](#)

SAMANTHA ELHASSANI

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Samantha Elhassani, a 34-year-old former resident of Elkhart, Indiana, pleaded guilty in the Northern District of Indiana to concealing terrorism financing. Prior to traveling alongside her husband, brother-in-law, and son to join IS in Syria, Elhassani made multiple trips to Hong Kong transporting more than \$30,000 in cash and gold. She deposited these assets in a safe deposit box with the knowledge that these assets would be used by her husband and brother-in-law to join and support IS. Elhassani was transferred into U.S. law enforcement custody from the Syrian Democratic Forces in July 2018. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Chicago Tribune](#), [South Bend Tribune](#)