

THE BOOGALOO MOVEMENT

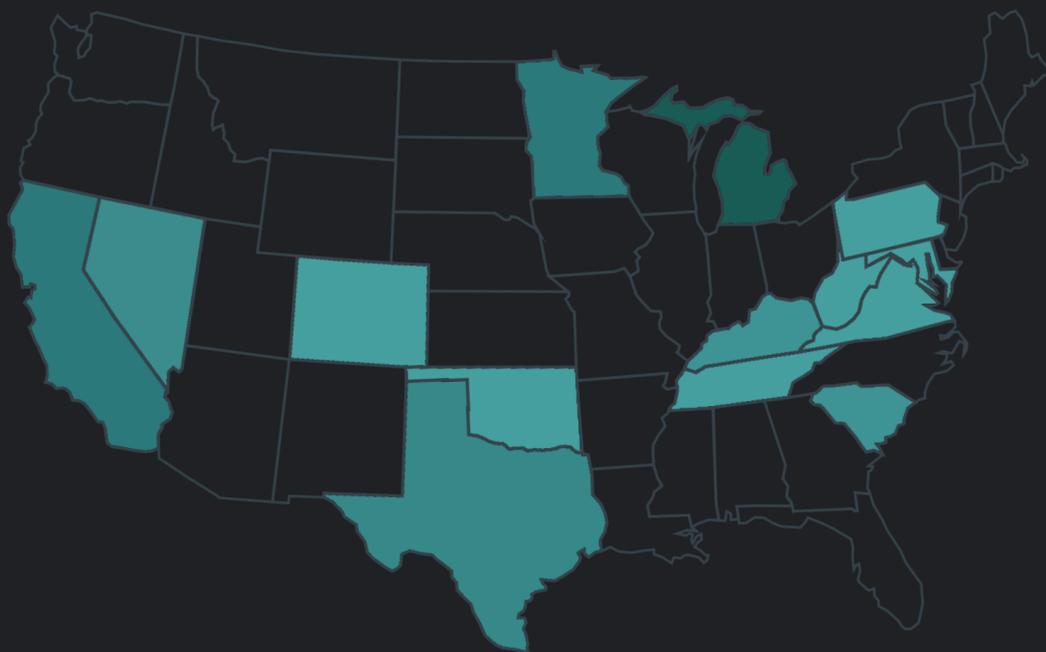


44 individuals have been charged in the U.S with offenses related to The Boogaloo Movement

17 individuals have pleaded or were found guilty

NUMBERS BY STATE

To date, 14 states have had at least one charge within their borders



CA	●●●●●●	6
CO	●	1
KY	●●	2
MD	●	1
MI	●●●●●●●●●●●●●●	14
MN	●●●●●●	6
NV	●●●	3
OK	●	1
PA	●	1
SN	●●	2
TN	●	1
TX	●●●●	4
VA	●	1
WV	●	1

8.5

years average sentence length

100%
are male

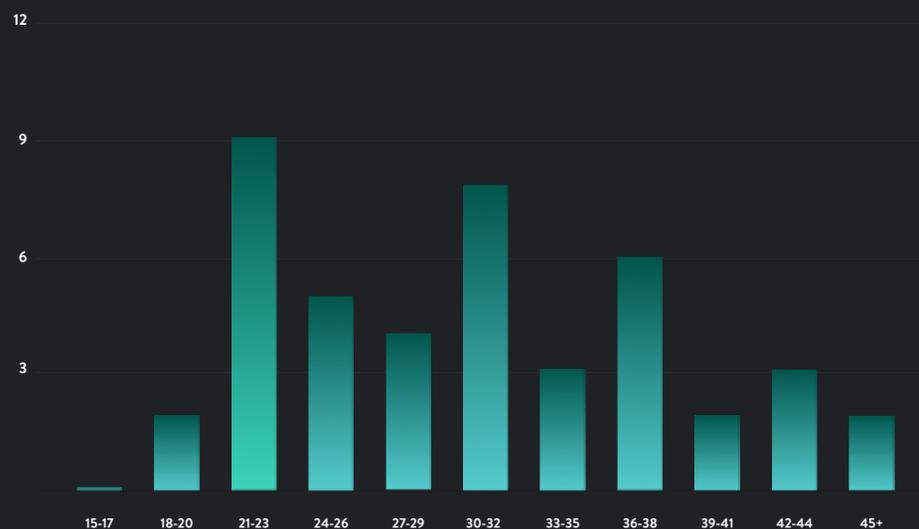
47%

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

52%

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

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LEGAL PROCEEDINGS FROM JULY 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Michael Paul Dahlager

Date: July 14

Age: 27

State: Minnesota

Michael Paul Dahlager, a 27-year-old resident of St. Cloud, Minnesota, pleaded guilty in the District of Minnesota to one count of unlawful possession of a machine gun as defined by federal code. According to the court documents, a confidential human source (CHS) informed FBI agents in November 2021 that Dahlager was “discussing his willingness to kill members of law enforcement.” The CHS also reported that Dahlager was in possession of a 3d-printed ‘drop in auto-sear,’ a part designed to convert a semi-automatic weapon to fire automatically. According to the criminal complaint, Dahlager attended a ‘Stop the Steal’ rally in St. Paul, Minnesota in December 2020, during which Dahlager “scouted law enforcement numbers, Boogaloo Bois’ overwatch positions, quick reaction forces, and noted which streets were blocked by law enforcement.” In February 2021, Dahlager provided the CHS with two “drop in auto sears,” leading to his arrest in April 2021.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint, Plea Agreement, KSTP

Addam Turner

Date: July 30

Age: 35

State: Kentucky

Addam Turner, a 35-year-old resident of Jeffersonville, Indiana, was sentenced in the Western District of Kentucky to 6 months in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to committing interstate threats. According to the court documents, on December 25, 2020, Turner approached police officers conducting a traffic stop in Saint Matthews, Kentucky. As he approached the officers, Turner switched the safety of his firearm into the fire position and placed his index finger inside the trigger guard and onto the trigger. Turner was subsequently arrested but used physical force against the officers during the arrest. Three days later, on December 28, 2020, Turner used his social media profile to post a picture of one of the arresting officers with a red bullseye on the individual’s head. Turner was subsequently arrested on February 11, 2021. Court records note that Turner was identified as a member of the United Pharaoh's Guard, a Louisville-based movement whose members have expressed support for the Boogaloo movement.

Sources: Criminal Complaint, Plea Agreement, Government Sentencing Memorandum, DOJ Press Release, Judgment

John Subleski

Date: July 30

Age: 33

State: Kentucky

John Subleski, a 33-year-old resident of Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to time served in the Western District of Kentucky after he pleaded guilty to violating the federal Riot Act. According to the court documents, from October 26, 2020 through January 5, 2021, Subleski, a member of the Boogaloo-aligned United Pharaoh's Guard (UPG) in Louisville, Kentucky, posted numerous public images and videos on social media expressing support for the Boogaloo movement and related narratives. According to the criminal complaint, on January 6th, 2021, as the siege at the U.S.

Capitol in Washington, DC was taking place, Subleski posted statements on social media encouraging others to take to the streets and engage in violence. At 3:38 pm, Subleski posted “Time to storm LMPD [Louisville Metro Something Police Department].” Subleski posted similar messages in an encrypted messaging app used by UPG members, encouraging them to storm police stations and riot. At 4:30 pm, Subleski and other UPG members met at a park in downtown Louisville and blocked a nearby intersection. Several hours later, while UPG members blocked the intersection, Subleski used an assault rifle to fire at an SUV that attempted to drive through the barricaded intersection.

Sources: Criminal Complaint, Plea Agreement, Government Sentencing Memorandum, DOJ Press Release, Judgment, WDRB

Dayton Charles Sauke

Date: August 25

Age: 22

State: Minnesota

Dayton Charles Sauke, a 22-year-old resident of Owatonna, Minnesota, pleaded guilty in the District of Minnesota to one count of possession of an unregistered firearm in violation of federal code. According to the criminal complaint, in December 2020, Sauke posted images on Snapchat of a “sawn-off” shotgun in a vehicle. In probation paperwork completed by Sauke for an unrelated narcotics arrest, Sauke claimed that he had “a real urge to kill”, was a “very angry person consumed by hate”, and that his “anger and hatred for people is valid.” On January 12, 2021, Sauke made numerous threatening posts on Snapchat, including expressions of support for violence against law enforcement and stated, “don’t be showing for any politicians we gotta murder every single one of them.” Several days later, Sauke was arrested after he agreed to sell a privately made firearm he had advertised on Snapchat to an undercover ATF agent.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Criminal Complaint, Indictment, Plea Agreement

Ty Garbin

Date: August 26

Age: 25

State: Michigan

Ty Garbin, a 25-year-old resident of Hartland, Michigan, was sentenced to 75 months in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit kidnapping. Beginning in June 2020, Garbin and other members of the Michigan-based militia group ‘Wolverine Watchmen’ began conducting outreach to other militia groups in Michigan. Court documents and public reporting indicate that the Wolverine Watchmen aligned ideologically with the Boogaloo movement, and numerous co-defendants are alleged to have expressed support for the movement and its goals of societal collapse. In June 18, 2020, members of the Wolverine Watchmen met at a ‘Second Amendment Rally’ outside the Michigan State Capitol. They planned to “recruit 200 individuals to storm the Capitol, try any politicians they caught on trial for treason, and execute them by hanging on live television.” In August and September 2020, Garbin and his co-conspirators formulated plans to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, conducting surveillance on her vacation home, constructing a “shoot house” to prepare for the operation, and attempted to purchase tasers and explosives. Garbin and several co-defendants were arrested in October 2020 as they met with an FBI undercover employee, who they believed would sell them explosives.

Sources: Criminal Complaint, Plea Agreement, Government Sentencing Memorandum, Defense Sentencing Memorandum, Judgment, CBS News

Aaron Caleb Swenson

Date: September 17

Age: 38

State: Texas

Aaron Caleb Swenson, a 38-year-old resident of Texarkana, Texas, was sentenced to 50 years in prison by a judge in Bowie County, Texas. In September 2021, Swenson was found guilty of attempted murder of a peace officer. Swenson was arrested in April 2020 after he livestreamed himself on social media as he drove around Texarkana, Texas, and stated that he was looking for a lone police officer to kill. During the livestream, Swenson, wearing a Hawaiian shirt embraced by members of the Boogaloo movement, claimed he was “hunting for tyrants and redcoats” and discussed “finding his prey.” Evidence presented at trial included pistols, a 12-gauge katana sword, and ammunition that was found in Swenson’s truck. Testimony during the trial indicated that Swenson’s plan was to shoot a police officer and then decapitate the officer with a sword.

Sources: [Texarkana Gazette](#), [Delco Times](#), [Arkansas Democrat Gazette](#)

Grizzly Scouts

Date: September 23

State: California

Jessie Alexander Rush and Simon Sage Ybarra pleaded guilty in the Northern District of California to conspiring to destroy records in official proceedings. The two co-defendants are members of the Grizzly Scouts, a militia group based in Northern California founded by Rush in March 2020. According to the indictment, beginning in April 2020, the co-defendants and other members of the Grizzly Scouts met in person to conduct firearms training and discussed committing acts of violence against law enforcement on numerous online messaging applications. After a member of the Grizzly Scouts named Steven Carillo allegedly shot two Federal Protective Security Officers at the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Oakland, California, reportedly claiming that he “offed a fed” in a Grizzly Scouts WhatsApp group, Rush instructed Carillo to factory reset his phone and told all members to delete records from the group from their devices. An hour after the shooting, Blancas deleted twenty files about the Grizzly Scouts’ organization from a Dropbox account.

Sources: [Indictment](#), [The Mercury News](#), [NBC News](#)

Timothy John Watson

Date: October 13

Age: 31

State: West Virginia

Timothy John Watson, a 31-year-old resident of Ranson, West Virginia, was sentenced in the Northern District of West Virginia to 60 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to one count of possession of an unregistered firearm silencer. Court records indicate Watson was involved in the manufacture and transfer of “hundreds of machinegun conversion devices for AR-15 style rifles.” Watson’s online business - whose website contained numerous references to the Boogaloo movement and Boogaloo narratives - purported to sell ‘plastic wall hangers’ which were, in reality, 3D-printed machine gun conversion devices. Watson’s business sold these devices to more than 800 individuals, including other Boogaloo movement members. Court records show that at the time of Watson’s arrest in November 2020, he possessed an unregistered silencer as well as three loaded guns, three loaded magazines with hollow point bullets, a knife, and a loaded rifle.

Sources: [Criminal Complaint](#), [Indictment](#), [Detention Order](#), [Plea Agreement](#), [Judgment](#)