

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

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**166** 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**

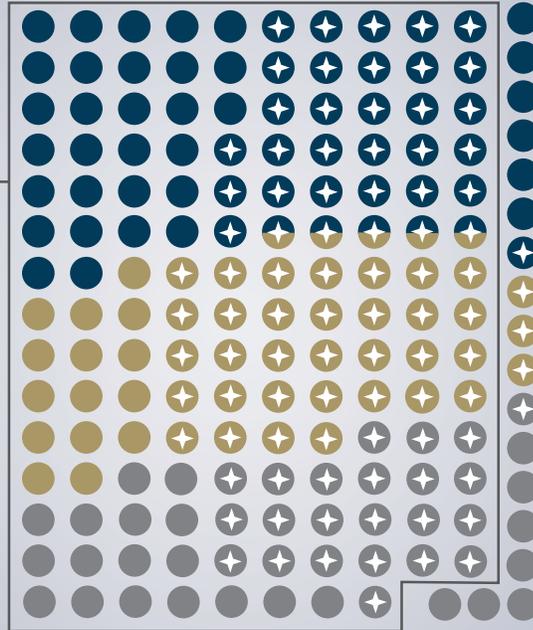
**89%** are male

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



The average length of sentence in years **13\***

\* Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission<sup>1</sup>



**42%** 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.

**56%** were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

**115** HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

### Arrests

#### FARESS MUHAMMAD SHRAITEH

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Faress Muhammad Shraiteh, a 21-year-old resident of Chicago, Illinois, was indicted by a federal grand jury for one count of attempting to provide material support to IS and one count of conspiracy to provide material support to IS. On May 13, 2015, Shraiteh, along with two friends, traveled to Egypt before flying onto Turkey on May 27 with the intention of joining IS. Unlike his friends, however, Turkish authorities denied him entry. As a result, he traveled to Israel to reside with family as he continued conspiring to join IS. One of his friends later died conducting a

suicide attack on behalf of IS. sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Shraiteh Indictment](#), [Washington Post](#), [New York Times](#)

#### SAMUEL BAPTISTE

AUG 29 25 FL

Samuel Baptiste, a 25-year-old resident of Miami, Florida, was charged with four counts of distributing information pertaining to explosives and one count of attempting to provide material support to IS. According to the indictment, in November 2016, Baptiste posted and distributed documents online that included "Instructions: How to Make a Homemade Pipe Bomb," "Pipe Bombs," "Improvised Explosive Devices," and "Improvised Munitions Black

Book, Volume 1” with the intent of providing support to IS. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Criminal Complaint](#)

## Apprehensions and Charges for Other Jihadist Groups

### MOHAMED ABDIRAHMAN OSMAN & ZEINAB ABDIRAHMAN MOHAMED

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Twenty-eight-year-old Mohamed Abdirahman Osman and 25-year-old Zeinab Abdirahman Mohamed, residents of Tucson, Arizona, were indicted for making false statements to U.S. immigration authorities. In 2014, Osman and Mohamed applied and were granted refugee status in the U.S. After traveling to the U.S., they applied for legal permanent resident status with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in 2015. According to the indictment, their applications for resident status contained false information concerning Osman’s true identity and associations with a designated terrorist organization, al Shabab. Osman reportedly presented a fraudulent Somali passport to authorities; US authorities claim he is from Ethiopia. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Arizona Daily Star](#)

## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

### EVERITT AARON JAMESON

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Everitt Aaron Jameson, a 27 year-old resident of Modesto, California, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for attempting to provide material support to IS. In September 2017, Jameson began expressing radical views online and supporting pro-IS social media accounts. In conversations with undercover FBI officials online, Jameson expressed a desire to join IS and commit violent acts on behalf of the group. Jameson identified Pier 39 in San Francisco as a potential attack location. He pleaded guilty on June 4, 2018. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Criminal Complaint](#), [CNN](#)

### ZAKARIYA ABDIN

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Zakariya Abdin, a 19-year-old resident of Ladson, South Carolina, pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to IS. Court documents reveal that the FBI began monitoring Abdin in 2017 after he made efforts over social media to join IS. Officials met with Abdin to explain the consequences of supporting terrorist groups. That, however, failed to deter him from attempting to join the group. He pledged support to IS leader Abu Bakr al Baghdadi in a video recording where he also vowed to wage Jihad. On March 30, Abdin attempted to fly to Amman, Jordan, with the intent of joining IS. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [ABC News](#)

### FAZLIDDIN KURBANOV

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Fazliddin Kurbanov, a 36-year-old former resident of Boise, Idaho, was sentenced to a 20-year additional prison term for the attempted murder of a federal official. Kurbanov, a native of Uzbekistan, was already serving a 25-year prison sentence for attempting to provide support to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, a designated terrorist group. In 2016, he attacked the former warden of the United States Penitentiary in Victorville, California, with a handmade knife, resulting in serious injuries. In March 2018, Kurbanov pleaded guilty to the attempted murder charge. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [New York Times](#)

### OMAR AMEEN

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Omar Ameen, a 45-year-old Iraqi national residing in Sacramento, California, was arrested and appeared before a U.S. federal magistrate judge for proceedings to extradite him to Iraq. Ameen is accused of murdering an Iraqi police officer on behalf of IS in 2014. Iraqi officials claim Ameen, along with other members of IS, drove to the victim’s house, opened fire, and killed him. U.S. federal prosecutors claim that Ameen lied about his background in order to gain refugee status in the United States. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [New York Times](#), [NPR](#)

## MARLONN HICKS

AUG 20

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Marlonn Hicks, a 31-year-old resident of Crown Point, Indiana, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for distributing information on ways to use explosives and poison for terrorist attacks. In early 2016, Hicks began talking online about traveling to join IS in Iraq. However, after the July 2016 Pulse nightclub attack, Hicks became inspired to conduct a similar attack in the United States. In conversations with an undercover FBI agent, Hicks started planning an attack and sent the agent manuals and details on how to create explosive devices and poisons. He pleaded guilty on October 28, 2016. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Chicago Tribune](#), [Fox 59 News](#)

## SAMANTHA MARIE ELHASSANI

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Samantha Marie Elhassani, a 32-year-old resident of Elkhart, Indiana, was indicted on two charges of providing material support to IS as well as aiding and abetting individuals in providing material support to IS. According to the indictment, between fall 2014 and summer 2015 she procured tactical equipment and funds for IS' use. In 2014, Elhassani traveled with her husband and two children to join the terrorist organization in Syria. Her husband later died fighting for IS, and she was detained by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) with her four children. Her son also appeared in an IS propaganda video. The SDF transferred her to U.S. custody in July 2018; she was subsequently charged with making false statements to the FBI, and now faces two charges of providing material support to a terrorist group. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [PBS](#), [ABC News](#), [CBS News](#)

## IKAIKA ERIK KANG

AUG 29

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Ikaika Erik Kang, a 35-year-old U.S. Army Sergeant stationed at Wheeler Army Airfield in Oahu, Hawaii, pleaded guilty to four counts of attempting to provide material support to IS. According to court documents, Kang became sympathetic to IS in 2016 when he began watching IS propaganda online. In subsequent searches conducted by the FBI after the Army referred his case for investigation, officials found IS documents and classified military documents at his personal residence. In June 2017, Kang provided classified documents to individuals he believed to be IS supporters, who told him that they would transfer the files to the organization. In July 2017, he swore allegiance to IS leader Abu Bakr al Baghdadi and offered his expertise to IS. He also bought a drone intended for IS' use in combat and expressed a desire to conduct an attack in downtown Honolulu and Waikiki. Authorities arrested Kang on July 8, 2017. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Affidavit](#), [CNN](#), [New York Times](#)

## JAMSHID MUHTOROV

AUG 30

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Jamshid Muhtorov, a 42-year-old permanent resident of Denver, Colorado, was sentenced to 11 years in prison for providing material support to the Islamic Jihad Union (IJU). On January 21, 2012, FBI agents arrested Muhtorov as he attempted to board a flight to Turkey to join the IJU. For the case, the Department of Justice disclosed that it intended to use information obtained through the National Security Agency's warrantless surveillance program, which Muhtorov's attorneys unsuccessfully challenged. On June 21, Muhtorov was found guilty on three counts involving material support to a terrorist organization. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Fox 31](#), [The Denver Post](#)