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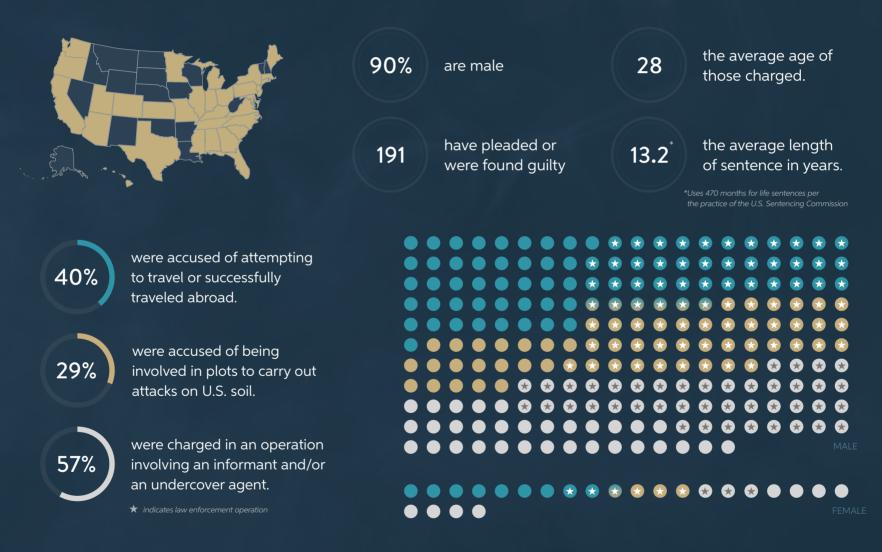
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INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

Their activities were located in  $\mathbf{33}$  states and the District of Columbia



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## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

## **DILKHAYOT KASIMOV**



**Dilkhayot Kasimov**, a 34-year-old resident of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to 15 years in prison for conspiring to provide and attempting to provide material support to IS. Kasimov, who was convicted following a jury trial in 2019, assisted co-conspirators in facilitating their planned travel to Syria to fight on behalf of IS. In 2015, Kasimov provided money - both his own and funds collected by others - to support a co-conspirator's travel efforts. In February 2015, Kasimov drove to John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York, and gave \$1,600 in cash to his co-conspirator, Akhror Saidakhmetov, at the terminal. As evidence set forth in the trial demonstrated, Kasimov did so with the knowledge that these funds would be used to support Saidakhmetov's efforts to travel to <u>IS</u> territory and fight for the group.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Judgment, Yahoo News

### **ALLISON FLUKE-EKREN**



**Allison Fluke-Ekren**, a 42-year-old resident of Kansas, pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of Virginia to conspiring to provide material support to IS. After leaving the United States in 2008 and living in Egypt and Libya, Fluke-Ekren traveled to Turkey and then to Syria for the purpose of committing or supporting terrorism on behalf of IS. During her time in Syria, Fluke-Ekren took on a leadership role in a military battalion comprised solely of female <u>IS</u> members. Fluke-Ekren became the leader and organizer for the group, which she taught physical and medical

training as well as Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) driving courses. According to the plea agreement, Fluke-Ekren trained more than 100 IS women and children in the use of AK-47 assault rifes, grenades, and explosive suicide belts. Fluke-Ekren was previously apprehended in Syria and transferred into FBI custody on January 28, 2022.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Plea Agreement, Statement of Facts, The Washington Post