

# GW EXTREMISM TRACKER

## TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

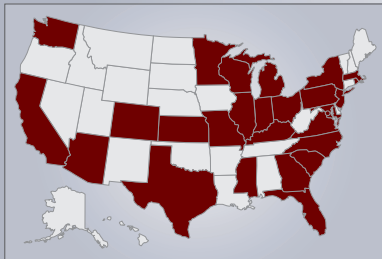
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**125** INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

The average age of those charged is **27**

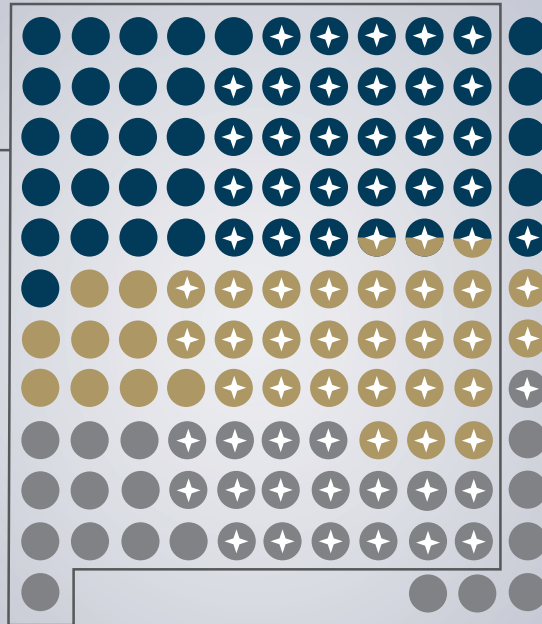
**89%** are male

Their activities were located in **26** states and the District of Columbia



The average length of sentence in years **13.3\*** **72** HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

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



**45%** were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

**30%** were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

**58%** were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

## Islamic State–Related Apprehensions/Charges

**DANIELA GREENE**

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Unsealed court documents show that a former FBI linguist and translator Daniela Greene, 38, was arrested on August 8, 2014, for making false statements in a matter involving international terrorism. Greene traveled to Syria in June 2014, tasked by the FBI with monitoring Denis “Deso Dogg” Cuspert (aka Abu Talha al-Almani), a German IS operative. She later married him and joined IS, but fled Syria a few weeks later. Greene returned to the U.S. and pleaded guilty to all charges in December 2014. Due to her cooperation with federal law enforcement,

Greene served a reduced sentence of two years in federal prison. Greene was released in August 2016.

Sources: [Greene Motion to Unseal Documents](#), [CNN](#)

**CLARK CALLOWAY**

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Clark Calloway, 38, of the District of Columbia, was charged with possession and transportation of a firearm by a felon with attempt to commit assault. The complaint alleges that Calloway, a former U.S. Marine, discussed the purchase of an assault rifle with multiple FBI confidential human sources (CHS), with the intent to conduct an attack against law enforcement

officials in the Washington, D.C. area. Calloway also made repeated declarations of support for IS via several Facebook accounts and email conversations with CHSs. Following his arrest, Calloway admitted to law enforcement that he was planning to use the assault rifle for “protection” in a “race war.” Sources: [Calloway Criminal Complaint](#), [DOJ Press Release](#)

## GREGORY LEPSKY

MAY 5

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NJ

Twenty-year-old Gregory Lepsky, of New Jersey, was charged with providing material support to IS. Lepsky was arrested in February 2017 when local police uncovered an unused pressure cooker in Lepsky’s closet during a search of his home. Law enforcement later discovered evidence that Lepsky was planning to construct an improvised explosive device in New York City “in order to kill as many people as possible.” According to the complaint, Lepsky allegedly stated in online communications that if travel to Syria were impossible for IS supporters in the West, that they could conduct an attack in the U.S. using homemade explosives. Sources: [Lepsky Criminal Complaint](#), [DOJ Press Release](#)

“[travel] to Syria to join the mujahidin” on a social media account prior to leaving the U.S. Source: [Kansas City Star](#)

## ELVIS REDZEPAGIC

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NY

Twenty six-year-old New Yorker Elvis Redzepagic pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted provision of material support to IS and the al-Nusra Front. In 2015, Redzepagic’s unidentified associate, whom he believed “was a member of the Islamic State or the Nusra Front and the commander of a battalion in Syria,” instructed him to travel to Turkey and cross the border into Syria “to engage in jihad.” The criminal complaint alleges that, following several unsuccessful attempts to do so, Redzepagic flew to Jordan in August 2016 but was stopped by Jordanian authorities before entering Syria. During subsequent interviews, Redzepagic allegedly told law enforcement agents “he was prepared to strap a bomb on and sacrifice himself for jihad.” He was arrested on March 3, 2017. Sources: [NewsDay Long Island](#), [Redzepagic Criminal Complaint](#)

## Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

### ISSE AWEIS MOHAMUD

MAY 9

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MO

Isse Aweis Mohamud, a 21-year-old resident of Missouri, was charged with a single count of passport fraud. Mohamud was initially detained in Egypt for unknown reasons. FBI agents arrested him on return to the U.S. after he falsely stated on his passport application that he was traveling to visit family in Canada. Concurrently, Mohamud is the subject of an ongoing federal investigation into whether he traveled abroad to join an undisclosed terrorist organization. Federal prosecutors allege that Mohamud discussed