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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

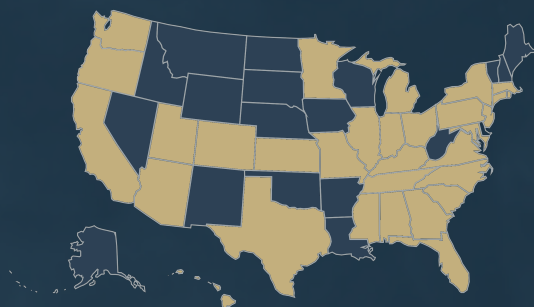
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234 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

Their activities were located in **32** states and the District of Columbia



90% are male

28 the average age of those charged.

181 have pleaded or were found guilty

13.1* the average length of sentence in years.

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

39%

were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

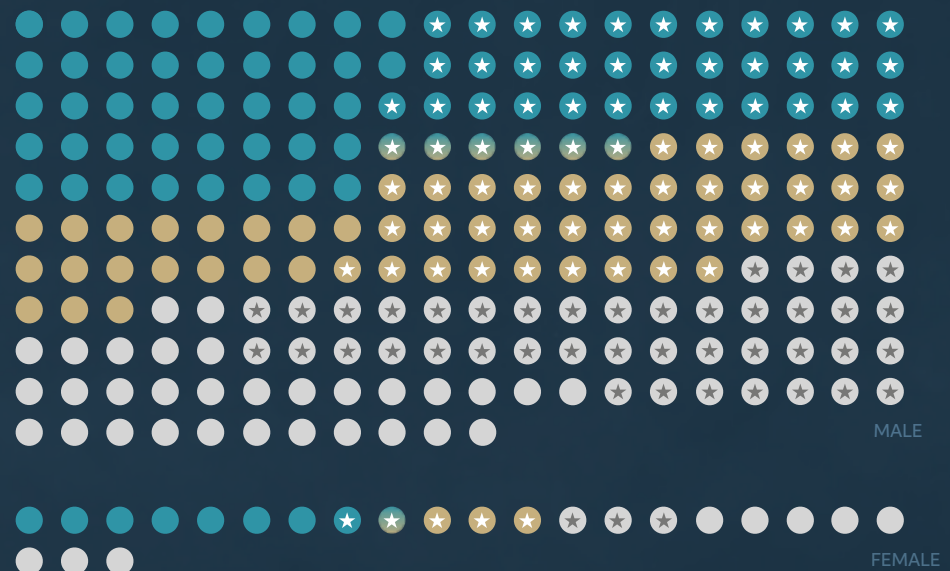
30%

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

57%

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

★ indicates law enforcement operation



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Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Jihadist Groups)

NASER ALMADAOJI



Naser Almadaoji, a 22-year old resident of Beavercreek, Ohio, pleaded guilty in the Southern District of Ohio to one count of attempting to provide material support to IS and ISIS Wilayat Khorasan (IS-K). In pleading, Almadaoji admitted to purchasing a plane ticket for travel on October 24, 2021, with the intent to fly from John Glenn International Airport, Ohio, to Astana, Kazakhstan. From there, Almadaoji planned to be smuggled into Afghanistan so that he could join and receive military training from IS-K. Almadaoji, in conversations with an individual he believed to be an IS supporter, said he was interested in starting a conflict in the United States between the federal government and anti-government militias, and asked the individual how to construct a car bomb. Almadaoji was arrested at John Glenn International Airport while attempting to board his flight to Kazakhstan.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Dayton Daily News](#)

MARK STEVEN DOMINGO



Mark Steven Domingo, a 28-year-old resident of Reseda, California, was sentenced in the Central District of California to 300 months in federal prison after being found guilty of providing material support to terrorists and attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. Domingo was proven at trial to have plotted to bomb a political rally in Long Beach, California, in 2019 as violent retribution for attacks against Muslims. Evidence presented at trial indicated Domingo considered

various attacks, including targeting Jewish people, churches, and police officers, before settling on the Long Beach rally in April 2019. As part of the plot, Domingo purchased nails to be used as shrapnel for the bombs and scouted the target location. Domingo was arrested upon taking possession of inert explosive devices delivered by an undercover law enforcement officer. Funds that were being collected to fund charitable ventures.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Domingo Judgment](#), [KTLA](#)

ALI SALEH



Ali Saleh, a 28-year-old resident of Queens, New York, was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to 360 months in federal prison for attempting to provide material support to IS. Saleh was also sentenced to 8 years imprisonment for assaulting a federal correctional officer and possession of contraband in the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) in Brooklyn, New York, to run consecutive to the terrorism sentence. Saleh pleaded guilty in 2018 to attempting to provide material support to IS, and in doing so admitted to swearing an oath of allegiance to IS in 2013. Saleh attempted to travel from New York to Turkey with the ultimate goal of joining IS in Syria, but was prevented from doing so when his parents took his passport. Saleh subsequently sent a \$500 wire transfer to fund the attempted travel of a Malian IS supporter to Syria, before making additional attempts to travel to join IS in July 2015. Saleh was arrested at his home in September 2015 and charged with attempting to provide material support to IS.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Saleh Judgment](#), [Miami Herald](#)

ELVIS REDZEPAGIC



Elvis Redzepagic, a 30-year-old resident of Commack, New York, was sentenced in the Eastern District of New York to 200 months in federal prison for attempting to provide material support to IS and Al-Nusra Front. Redzepagic, who pleaded guilty in April 2021, admitted that he communicated with an individual he believed to be a member of IS or Al-Nusra Front in Syria in 2015, and subsequently made multiple attempts to travel to Syria to join that individual. In July 2015, Redzepagic traveled to Turkey and unsuccessfully attempted to cross the border into Syria. Following this, Redzepagic traveled to Jordan in August 2016 in an attempt to enter Syria, but was stopped and deported by Jordanian authorities. Redzepagic was arrested in New York in 2017, and a search of the defendant's laptop yielded a variety of IS-specific extremist propaganda.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Redzepagic Judgment](#), [Daily Voice](#)