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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

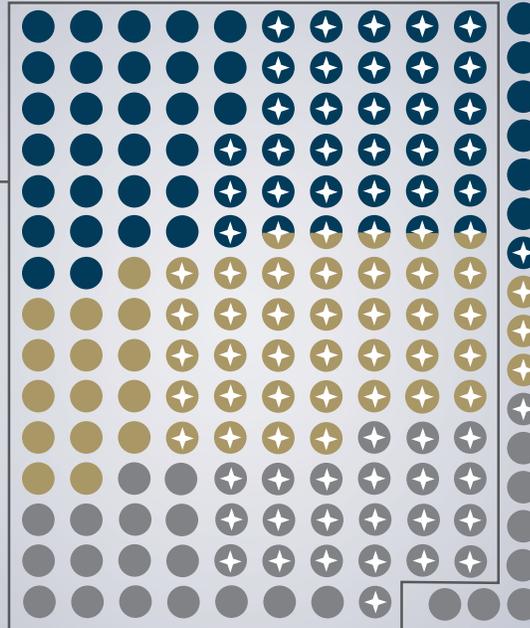
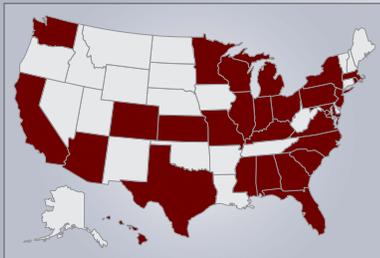
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166 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

The average age of those charged is **28**

89% are male

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



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.

55% were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

The average length of sentence in years **13.2*** **115** HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

* Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission¹

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

ALEXANDER CICCULO

SEPT 5 26 MA

Alexander Ciccolo, a 26-year-old resident of Adams, Massachusetts, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for one count of attempting to provide material support to IS, one count of attempting to use weapons of mass destruction, one count of being a convicted felon in possession of firearms, and one count of assaulting a nurse with a deadly weapon on September 5, 2018. In early 2015, Ciccolo's father, a Boston police captain, referred his son to the FBI for investigation after he expressed the desire to join IS. The subsequent investigation revealed that Ciccolo was

actively planning a terrorist attack on behalf of IS, discussing the construction and use of improvised explosive devices with a cooperating witness. On July 4, 2015, Ciccolo was arrested after receiving four firearms from the witness. While being processed in jail after his arrest, Ciccolo stabbed a nurse with a pen.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Boston Globe](#), [NPR](#)

FAREED AHMED KHAN

SEPT 6 60 CT

Fareed Ahmed Khan, a 60-year-old resident of Manchester, Connecticut, was indicted on September 6, 2018, on one count of making a false statement in a terrorism investigation. On July 16, 2015, Khan allegedly lied to federal investigators about sending packages to Pakistan and his affiliation with the

Islamic Circle of North America. Sources: [Khan Indictment](#), [Khan Criminal Complaint](#), [Khan Government's Motion to Seal](#), [Associated Press](#)

JONATHAN THOMAS BEESE

SEPT 12 20  FL

Jonathan Thomas Beese, a 20-year-old resident of Ocala, Florida, was sentenced to 15 years in prison on September 12, 2018. In 2015, a concerned family member reported Beese to authorities after his mother found various Islamic texts and online messages referencing IS when she searched his room. A subsequent two-year FBI terrorism investigation tracked Beese as he eventually scouted a downtown building as a potential sniper's nest. On April 3, 2017, Beese and his girlfriend were arrested on burglary and theft charges for stealing rifles from his girlfriend's father. Authorities issued around 40 search warrants against Beese which revealed IS material on his laptop and anti-Semitic messages. In March 2018, Beese pleaded no contest to state charges of armed burglary, grand theft, possession of burglary tools, conspiracy to commit armed burglary, and solicitation to commit armed burglary. Sources: [Marion County Sheriff's Office](#), [Ocala Star Banner](#)

RASHEEDUL MOWLA

SEPT 10 22  NY

Rasheedul Mowla, a 22-year-old resident of Brooklyn, New York, was indicted on one count of conspiracy to provide material support and one count of attempting to provide material support to IS. On June 1, 2017, Mowla and co-conspirator Parveg Ahmed traveled to Saudi Arabia under the auspice of celebrating a religious holiday. On June 9, Mowla and Ahmed traveled to a third, unnamed Middle-Eastern country where they were subsequently detained for attempting to cross the border into Syria. Mowla was deported back to the United States and arrested upon arrival on August 29, 2017. Mowla admitted he attempted to travel to Syria to join IS. Sources: [Mowla Indictment](#), [NY Daily Times](#)

ADAM SHAFI

SEPT 18 25  CA

U.S. District Judge William Orrick declared a mistrial in the case of United States v. Shafi. Adam Shafi, a 25-year-old resident of Fremont, California was arrested in July 2015 before boarding a flight from San Francisco to Istanbul and charged with attempted material support to a terrorist organization (the al-Nusra Front). In the final proceedings, the deadlocked jurors were unable to reach a unanimous decision. Sources: [Shafi Criminal Minutes](#), [SF Examiner](#)