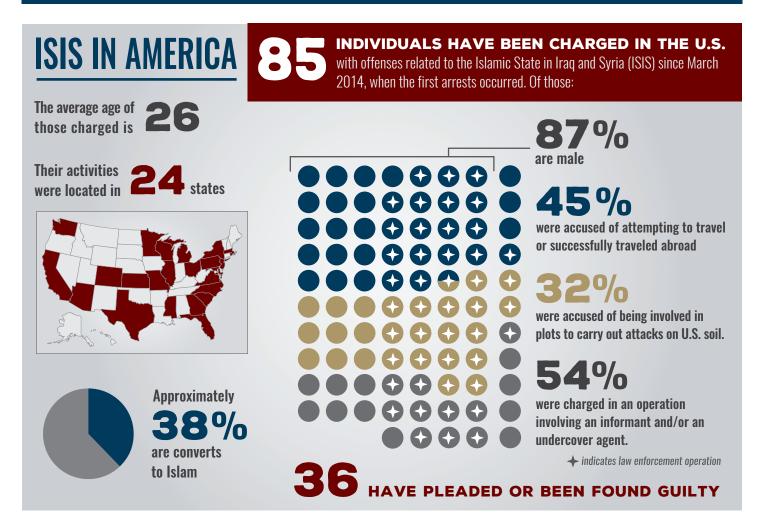
TERRORISM IN THE U.S.

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Apprehensions/Charges in April

FOR THE THIRD MONTH SINCE MARCH 2014, THERE WERE NO PUBLICLY DISCLOSED ISIS-RELATED ARRESTS IN APRIL 2016.

Legal Proceedings (ISIS and Other Jihadist Groups) in April

ADNAN ABDIHAMAD FARAH







Adnan Abdihamad Farah, a 20-year-old U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to provide and attempting to provide material support to ISIS. Farah, the fifth man from Minnesota to plead guilty to ISIS-related charges, was part of a cluster of approximately ten men attempting to travel to Syria to join the terrorist organization. Beginning in early 2014, Farah and his co-conspirators discussed both the means to fund their travel to Syria and potential routes to evade law enforcement. Farah was arrested on April 19, 2015. The remaining defendants—Mohamed Farah (Adnan's brother), Guled Omar, and Abdirahman Daud—have maintained pleas of not guilty. Source: MPR News, Minneapolis Star Tribune

DAVID WRIGHT AND **NICHOLAS ROVINSKI**







David Wright and Nicholas Rovinski, U.S. citizens from Massachusetts and Rhode Island respectively, were charged in a superseding indictment with conspiring to commit acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries. According to legal documents, Wright and Rovinski conspired with one another and Usaamah Rahim to provide material support to ISIS. The superseding indictment alleges that in March 2015 Wright drafted organizational documents for the creation of a "Command and Control Cell" and a "Martyrdom Operations Cell," while Rahim communicated with known and unknown ISIS members overseas. At the instruction of at least one ISIS member, the three men allegedly conspired to commit attacks within the U.S. on behalf of ISIS. Rahim was killed during an attempted attack on Boston-area police officers on June 2, 2015; Wright and Rovinski were arrested in June 2015, following Rahim's failed attack. According to the superseding indictment, while in jail "Rovinski has attempted to recruit people to assist in the execution of their plan to commit violent attacks in the [U.S.] and to decapitate non-believers." source: DOJ Press Release, Superseding Indictment, Affidavit

HAMZA NAJ AHMED







Hamza Naj Ahmed, a 21-year-old U.S. citizen, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to provide material support to ISIS and federal financial aid fraud. Ahmed, the sixth man from Minnesota to plead guilty to ISIS-related charges, was part of a cluster of approximately ten men attempting to travel to Syria to join the terrorist organization. Ahmed was arrested on February 4, 2015. According to the Minneapolis Star Tribune, "The plea by Ahmed [...] came 11 days after another defendant, Adnan Farah, took a similar deal after prosecutors said they had new evidence of interference with the men's cases as they considered previous plea offers last year." source: Associated Press, Minneapolis Star Tribune