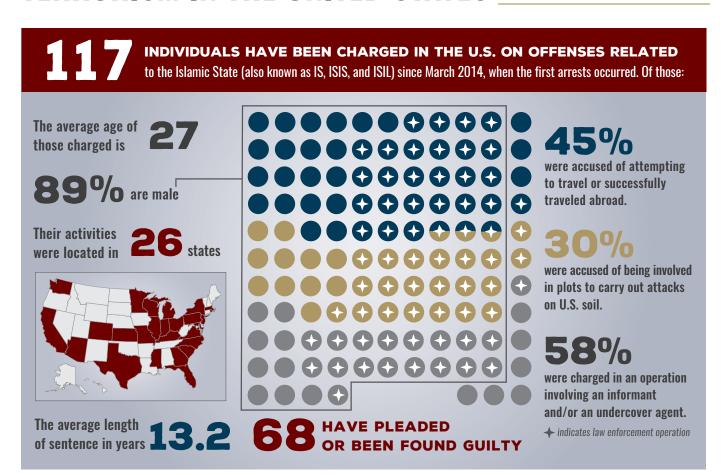
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# Islamic State—Related Apprehensions/Charges

### **ELVIS REDZEPAGIC**







An unsealed criminal complaint charged 26-yearold New Yorker Elvis Redzepagic with attempting to provide material support and resources to IS and the al-Nusrah 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 he could enter Syria. During subsequent interviews with law enforcement agents, Redzepagic allegedly stated that in 2015, "he was prepared to strap a bomb on and sacrifice himself for jihad." He was arrested on March 3, 2017. Source: Redzepagic Criminal Complaint, DOJ Press Release

#### SAID AZZAM MOHAMAD RAHIM







A federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Said Azzam Mohamad Rahim, 40, of Texas, with six counts of making false statements to federal agents. According to court filings, during a March 2016 terrorism investigation, Rahim allegedly lied about his support for IS and "prior statements relating to violence and terrorist activity," stating that he had never promoted violence or terrorism on behalf of IS. However, an FBI-executed search warrant of Rahim's social media accounts allegedly demonstrated that he had utilized the platforms to "solicit" violence, praise IS, and "encourage" individuals to travel to IS-held territory "to support and engage in violent jihad." source: Rahim Criminal Complaint, Rahim Indictment, DOJ Press Release

## **Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)**

#### **NOOR SALMAN**







A federal judge in Florida ruled that 30-year-old Noor Salman, widow of Orlando nightclub shooter Omar Mateen, will remain in jail while awaiting trial. On March 8, Salman's defense team filed a 73-page response to the government's motion to revoke her

release, which a California judge had granted by bail in early March. In the response, her attorneys argued that Salman "would not be a flight risk," and posed "no danger to the community." Salman's release was delayed 48 hours to give federal prosecutors time to appeal the decision. However, the Florida judge blocked the release after finding the defense's arguments unpersuasive, writing: "The existence of the Defendant's past involvement in a terrorist attack, even recognizing she did not pull the trigger, poses too great of a danger to the community to warrant pretrial release." Source: Defendant's Response To The Government's Motion For An Order Revoking Defendant's Release, Orlando Sentinel

#### **DAYNE ATANI CHRISTIAN**







Dayne Atani Christian, 32, of Florida, pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support to IS, and to being a felon in possession of a firearm. As part of his plea, Christian agreed to forfeit three guns, including an assault rifle. He and two co-defendants, Gregory Hubbard and Darren Arness Jackson, were arrested in July 2016 in connection with charges that they had condemned media portrayals of IS, praised terrorist attacks such as those in Orlando and Nice, and expressed a desire to join the terrorist group. Source: Palm Beach Post, Hubbard et al. Criminal Complaint