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TERRORISM IN THE UNITED STATES

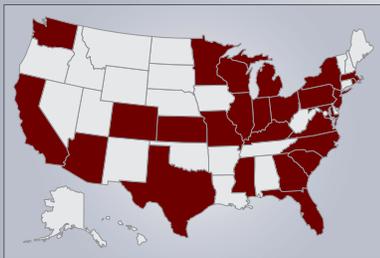
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113 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

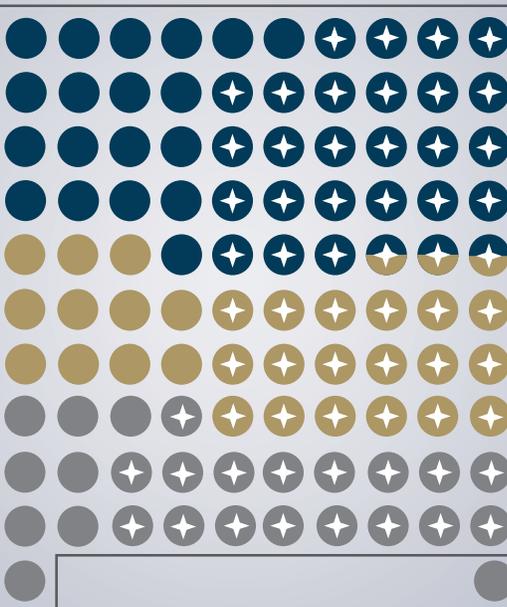
The average age of those charged is **27**

89% are male

Their activities were located in **26** states



The average length of sentence in years **13.3**



60 HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

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.

59% were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

Islamic State–Related Apprehensions/Charges

DERRICK THOMPSON

DEC. 21 30 AZ

An Arizona state grand jury charged Derrick Thompson, 30, with one count of participating in a criminal syndicate, one count of assisting a criminal syndicate, and one count of attempted misconduct involving weapons. Court documents allege that Thompson, who used the alias “Abu Talib Al-Amriki,” attempted to purchase a firearm online in January 2015 with the intention of carrying out a “lone wolf” attack inspired by IS. Owing to a prior conviction, Thompson is prohibited from possessing a firearm. An FBI investigation revealed that he has allegedly

been “an avowed jihadist” since 2014. Thompson expressed online support for IS and conducted hundreds of Google searches for assault rifles, “midnight mass,” and “*istishad* [martyrdom] v. suicide.” He was arrested on December 20, 2016. source: [Thompson Release Questionnaire](#), [Thompson Direct Complaint](#), [12 News](#)

LIONEL NELSON WILLIAMS

DEC. 22 26 VA

Lionel Nelson Williams, 26, of Virginia, was charged with attempting to provide material support to IS. In March 2016, the FBI received a tip that Williams had

been posting IS videos and content on his Facebook page, and that he had recently acquired an assault rifle. An FBI review of Williams' account revealed that he had pledged his allegiance to IS and expressed support "for the targeting of police officers, military, and armed civilians." According to court documents, Williams allegedly sent money to someone he believed to be collecting funds for IS fighters. In reality, the individual was an FBI-controlled persona. Williams was arrested on December 21, 2016, and two firearms were recovered in a post-arrest search of his residence. Source: [Williams Affidavit, DOJ Press Release](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

CHRISTOPHER LEE CORNELL

DEC. 5 22  OH

A senior U.S. District Judge sentenced Christopher Lee Cornell, 22, to 30 years in prison and lifetime supervised release for plotting, planning, and attempting an attack on government officials in the name of IS. In August 2014, the Ohio resident admitted that he began researching weapons, bomb construction, and prominent targets in Washington, D.C. Cornell was arrested in January 2015 after he attempted to travel to the city and attack the U.S. Capitol during President Obama's State of the Union address. Source: [DOJ Press Release](#)

ERICK JAMAL HENDRICKS

DEC. 13 35  NC

Erick Jamal Hendricks, 35, of North Carolina, was indicted on one count of attempting to provide material support to IS, adding to a previous count of conspiracy to provide material support to IS. From December 2014 until May 2015, Hendricks allegedly used various social media platforms to communicate with

and "vet" individuals to determine whether they were "suitable for joining a cell of ISIL supporters" inside the U.S. Within his role as a recruiter for the organization, Hendricks had allegedly reached out to Elton Simpson, one of the Garland, TX shooters, shortly before the attack, though it remains unclear whether Hendricks knew of Simpson's plans. Court documents further allege that he spoke to an FBI informant about U.S.-based sleeper cells that could carry out attacks in the homeland. Source: [Hendricks Superseding Indictment, Hendricks Affidavit in Support of a Criminal Complaint](#)

NICHOLAS YOUNG

DEC. 15 37  VA

Virginia resident and former police officer Nicholas Young, 37, was indicted on charges of attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization and obstruction of justice. According to the indictment, in December 2015, Young attempted to "thwart" FBI agents when questioned during an interview regarding an associate who had successfully joined IS, but in reality was a FBI confidential human source (CHS). His criminal complaint, filed in August 2016, stated that Young had allegedly purchased technological items to send to IS members to help them evade detection by U.S. authorities. Source: [DOJ Press Release, Young Criminal Complaint](#)