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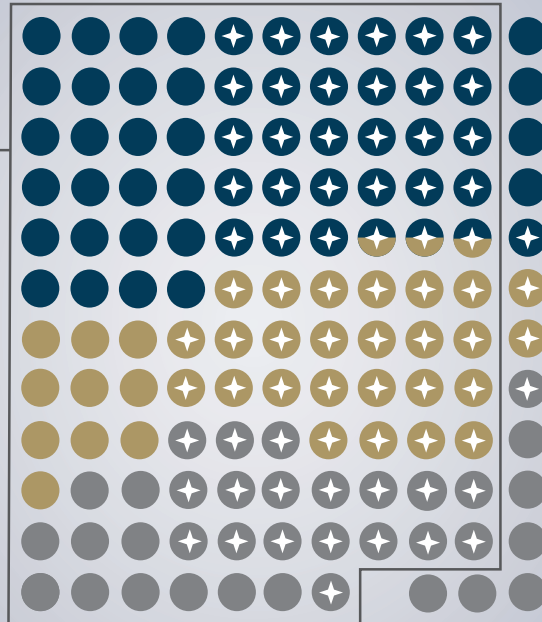
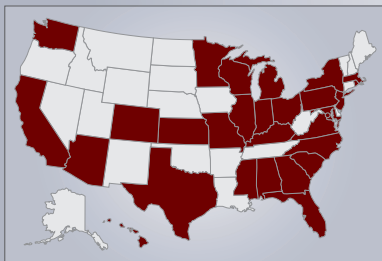
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INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

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

89% are male

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



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.

60%

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

★ indicates law enforcement operation

The average length of sentence in years **14.3*** **76** HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

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

Islamic State–Related Apprehensions/Charges

AZIZ SAYYED

JUL 5 22 AL

Court documents from Madison County, Alabama allege that 22-year-old Huntsville resident Aziz Sayyed swore allegiance to IS and planned to bomb a law enforcement facility in Madison County. Sayyed, who was arrested on June 15th, had multiple conversations with friends in which he discussed videos produced by IS, participating in the “beheading of infidels”, and constructing a bomb containing the explosive TATP, which has been used in several IS-related bombings. Sayyed faces state-level charges of second-degree soliciting or providing support for terror-

ism, a Class C felony in the state of Alabama. source: [Sayyed Criminal Complaint, AL.com](#)

AMER SINAN ALHAGGAGI

JUL 20 22 CA

Amer Sinan Alhaggagi, a 22-year-old resident of Oakland, California, was indicted for attempting to provide material support to IS. Alhaggagi was originally arrested in November of 2016 on charges of identity theft; he allegedly used stolen credit cards to purchase clothing online. In addition to these charges, court documents claim that Alhaggagi

opened several social media accounts to promote IS, and discussed committing attacks in the Bay Area with an undercover FBI agent. [Source: Alhaggagi Indictment, DOJ Press Release, NBC Bay Area](#)

ERIK IKAIKA KANG

JUL 21 34  HI

Erik Ikaika Kang, a 34-year-old Army sergeant first class stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, was indicted on four counts of attempting to provide material support to IS. According to the indictment, Kang attempted to share classified military documents and several items of military equipment (including clothing, gear, and a GoPro Karma drone) to undercover FBI agents, whom he believed to be IS supporters. After serving tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Kang came under FBI scrutiny for a series of threatening statements he made dating back to 2011, as well as multiple reprimands by the Army for expressing pro-IS views to other service members. [Source: Kang Criminal Complaint, Kang Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint, DOJ Press Release](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

YAHYA FAROOQ MOHAMMAD

JUL 10 39  OH

Thirty-nine-year-old Yahya Farooq Mohammad, an Ohio resident, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists and solicitation to commit violence. In 2009, Mohammad, alongside his brother Ibrahim Mohammad and two other co-conspirators, raised money for Anwar al-Awlaki, a jihadist ideologue and a key leader of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). Mohammad traveled to Yemen and delivered \$22,000 via a courier to al-Awlaki, and was indicted on material support charges in 2015. While being held in prison awaiting trial, Mohammad contacted an FBI undercover agent

and attempted to hire him to kill his trial judge, Jack Zouhary. Mohammad is expected to be sentenced to 27.5 years in prison, according to the plea agreement. [Source: DOJ Press Release](#)

YUSUF WEHELIE

JUL 14 26  VA

Twenty-six-year-old Virginia resident Yusuf Wehelie was sentenced to 10 years in prison for possession of firearms by a convicted felon. Wehelie pleaded guilty in November 2016 to the charges that stemmed from a July 2016 arrest for transporting four machine guns from Maryland to Virginia as part of an FBI sting. While Wehelie did not face terrorism charges, he received a longer sentence than the recommendations for felony possession due to statements that he made about IS to federal agents, including potentially carrying out an attack on a U.S. military recruitment station. [Source: DOJ Press Release, Washington Post](#)

JOHN T. BOOKER, JR.

JUL 24 22  KS

John T. Booker, Jr., a 22-year-old resident of Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced to 30 years in prison for planning to detonate a vehicle-based explosive device at Fort Riley in Kansas. Booker pleaded guilty to one count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and one count of attempted destruction of government property in February of 2016. The federal investigation of Booker began in 2014, when he made a series of online posts about conducting jihad and attempting to kill American soldiers. Booker told confidential human sources that he intended to commit a suicide attack on Fort Riley, and made a video pledging allegiance to the leader of IS in March 2015. On April 10, 2015, Booker drove to Fort Riley with the explosive device and the informants, but was apprehended and arrested prior to detonating the device. [Source: DOJ Press Release](#)