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(U//FOUO) Analysis of ISIL-Related Arrests in the Homeland from January 2014–September 2015

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(U) Scope

(U//FOUO) This *Homeland Security Reference Aid* (HSRA) provides an overview of disrupted alleged terrorism-related activities in the United States between January 2014 and September 2015 linked to US persons (USPERS) assessed to be inspired by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Examples of disrupted terrorism-related activities referenced in this product include the May 2015 attack in Garland, Texas against an event featuring caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad, and the June 2015 fatal shooting by police officers of a knife-wielding Boston individual who was planning attacks against law enforcement personnel. This analysis is derived exclusively from open source material, including federal indictments. It is intended to inform state, local, tribal, and territorial government and law enforcement officials, and private sector partners of the wide range of ISIL-inspired activities in the Homeland and provide insight into emerging terrorist trends, which may aid in the detection and prevention of future terrorist activities. The data referenced does not include USPERS believed to be currently fighting in Syria or Iraq. It also does not include mention of the July 2015 attack against military facilities in Chattanooga, Tennessee because the investigation into the shooter's potential links to foreign terrorist organizations is still ongoing.

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(U) Sources Available Upon Request.


(U) ISIL-INSPIRED DISRUPTIONS IN THE HOMELAND FROM JANUARY 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2015**ARIZONA: 2**

-  Jun 2015 Abdul Kareem^{USPER} 43 Phoenix, AZ Alleged third conspirator in the Garland, TX shooting. Indicted and has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy, making false statements to investigators, and other charges. Next scheduled court date is November 20, 2015.
-  Aug 2015 Jammie Gamma^{USPER} 42 Avondale, AZ Indicted for allegedly assisting a college student with travel to Syria to obtain military training from ISIL. Indicted for planning and perpetrating a federal crime of terrorism against the United States.




CALIFORNIA: 6

-  Mar 2014 Nicholas Teasant^{USPER} 20 Acampo, CA Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL in Syria after seeking to enter Canada at the Blaine, WA port of entry. Indicted and declared mentally fit to stand trial in August; facing up to 15 years in prison if convicted.
-  May 2015 Nader Elhuzayel^{USPER} 24 Anaheim, CA Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL in Syria after reserving a flight to Israel with the intent to mask his final destination. Indicted in October on additional charges, including preexisting charges of providing material support to ISIL. Plead not guilty to the original charges.
-  Mar 2015 Muhanad Badawi^{USPER} 24 Anaheim, CA Arrested for allegedly providing material support by allowing Nader Elhuzayel^{USPER} (also cited in this product) to use his credit card to purchase a ticket to the Middle East. Indicted in October on additional charges, including preexisting charges of providing material support to ISIL. Plead not guilty to the original charges.
-  Jul 2014 Adam Dandach^{USPER} 20 Orange County, CA Arrested at John Wayne Airport in Santa Ana, CA for attempting to travel to Syria to join ISIL. Plead guilty for attempting to provide support to ISIL and lying on his passport application.
-  Apr 2015 Abdirahman Daud^{USPER} 21 San Diego, CA Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL in Syria; drove from Minneapolis to San Diego allegedly to obtain fake passports in order to enter Mexico. A federal grand jury indicted Daud^{USPER} and six other Minnesota men with conspiring to travel, or attempting to travel, to join ISIL. Plead not guilty.
-  Apr 2015 Mohamed Farah^{USPER} 21 San Diego, CA Arrested after he traveled from Minneapolis to San Diego with hopes of crossing into Mexico to allegedly join ISIL in Syria. A federal grand jury indicted Farah^{USPER} and six other Minnesota men with conspiring to travel, or attempting to travel, to join ISIL.


COLORADO: 1

-  Apr 2014 Shannon Conley^{USPER} 19 Arvada, CO Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL, where she intended to use her military background to support the group. She was convicted of providing material support.



FLORIDA: 3

-  Feb 2015 Abror Habibov^{USPER} 30 Jacksonville, FL Arrested for allegedly providing material support after assisting an alleged NY-based ISIL supporter with funds to join ISIL in Syria. Indicted and has plead not guilty.
-  Jul 2015 Harlem Suarez^{USPER} 23 Key West, FL Arrested for allegedly plotting attacks with explosive devices at a public beach and on law enforcement officers' homes and under their cars. Indicted and has plead not guilty.
-  Sep 2015 Joshua Goldberg^{USPER} 20 Orange Park, FL Allegedly instructed a confidential human source to plant a bomb at an upcoming memorial event in Kansas City, MO commemorating the September 11, 2001 attacks. Charged with giving out information on explosives, destructive devices, and weapons of mass destruction. Faces a maximum of 20 years in federal prison.

GEORGIA: 1



-  Oct 2014 Leon Davis^{USPER} 37 Augusta, GA Arrested for allegedly attempting to join ISIL after purchasing a one-way plane ticket from Atlanta to Turkey. Plead guilty for attempting to provide material support to ISIL.

ILLINOIS: 5




-  Mar 2015 Jonas Edmonds^{USPER} 29 Aurora, IL Arrested for allegedly helping his cousin, Hasan Edmonds^{USPER} (also cited in this product), join ISIL, and for plotting an attack on a National Guard base in IL. Indicted and has plead not guilty.
-  Mar 2015 Hasan Edmonds^{USPER} 22 Aurora, IL Arrested for allegedly attempting to travel overseas and use his military training to assist ISIL. Indicted and has plead not guilty.

-  Oct 2014 Mohammed Khan^{USPER} 19 Bolingbrook, IL Arrested at O'Hare International Airport for allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for attempting to travel overseas to join a foreign terrorist organization operating inside Iraq and Syria.
-  Feb 2015 Jasminka Ramic^{USPER} 42 Rockford, IL Arrested for allegedly providing material support after being associated with a group attempting to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members. Entered a plea to one count of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.
-  Feb 2015 Mediha Salkicevic^{USPER} 34 Schiller Park, IL Arrested for allegedly providing material support after being associated with a group attempting to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members. Indicted for conspiring to provide and providing material support to terrorist groups.







KANSAS: 2

-  Apr 2015 John Booker^{USPER} 20 Fort Riley, KS Arrested after allegedly attempting to conduct a mass casualty attack next to the Ft. Riley US Army installation. Indicted on three charges, including attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. Plead not guilty.
-  Apr 2015 Alexander Blair^{USPER} 18 Topeka, KS Arrested for allegedly not reporting the plot against Ft. Riley; allegedly loaned John Booker^{USPER} (also cited in this product) money for a storage unit. Placed on house arrest pending trial.



MASSACHUSETTS: 3

-  Jun 2015 Usaamah Rahim 26 Boston, MA Fatally shot by police after wielding a military-style knife during a law enforcement encounter. Allegedly intended to attack the organizer of a Draw the Prophet event.
-  Jun 2015 David Wright^{USPER} 24 Everett, MA Arrested for alleged obstruction and conspiracy charges regarding a plot to behead an anti-Islam activist. Indicted for, among other things, providing material support to ISIL.
-  Jul 2015 Alexander Ciccolo^{USPER} 23 Springfield, MA Arrested after allegedly attempting to conduct a mass casualty attack on a college campus with a pressure-cooker bomb. Indicted on weapons and assault charges.

MINNESOTA: 6

-  Nov 2014 Abdullah Yusuf^{USPER} 18 Minneapolis, MN Arrested after a clerk noticed his passport application included suspicious travel plans. Indicted with conspiracy to provide material support to ISIL.
-  Apr 2015 Zacharia Abdurahman 19^{USPER} Minneapolis, MN Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Recently plead not guilty.
-  Apr 2015 Hanad Musse^{USPER} 19 Minneapolis, MN Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Recently plead not guilty.
-  Apr 2015 Guled Omar^{USPER} 20 Minneapolis, MN Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL.
-  Apr 2015 Adnan Farah^{USPER} 19 Minneapolis, MN Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL.
-  Feb 2015 Hamza Ahmed^{USPER} 19 Minneapolis, MN Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL.



MISSISSIPPI: 2

-  Aug 2015 Jaelyn Young^{USPER} 20 Starkville, MS Arrested after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Charged with conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.
-  Aug 2015 Muhammad Dakhalla^{USPER} 22 Starkville, MS Arrested after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Charged with conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.












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-  Feb 2015 Ramiz Hodzic^{USPER} 40 St. Louis, MO Indicted for allegedly providing material support for being associated with a group attempting to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members.
-  Feb 2015 Sedina Hodzic^{USPER} 35 St. Louis, MO Indicted for allegedly providing material support for being associated with a group attempting to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members.
-  Feb 2015 Armin Harcevic^{USPER} 37 St. Louis, MO Indicted for allegedly providing material support for being associated with a group attempting to send firearms accessories and other material to ISIL members.





NEW JERSEY: 3

-  Jun 2015 Samuel Topaz^{USPER} 21 Fort Lee, NJ Plead guilty for attempting to join ISIL.
-  Jun 2015 Alaa Saadeh^{USPER} 23 West New York, NJ Charged for allegedly providing material support after purchasing his brother's (Nader Saadeh^{USPER}, also cited in this product) airline ticket to join ISIL.
-  Aug 2015 Nader Saadeh^{USPER} 20 Rutherford, NJ Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Charged with conspiring to provide material support to ISIL.



NEW YORK: 11

-  Feb 2015 Akhror Saidakhmetov^{USPER} 19 Brooklyn, NY Indicted after allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. Plead not guilty.
-  Feb 2015 Abdurasul Juraboev^{USPER} 24 Brooklyn, NY Indicted after allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. Plead guilty.
-  Jan 2015 Tairod Pugh^{USPER} 47 Brooklyn, NY Indicted while allegedly attempting to join ISIL.
-  Jun 2015 Akmal Zakirov^{USPER} 29 Brooklyn, NY Indicted for alleged involvement in a plot to recruit US fighters to join ISIL.
-  Feb 2015 Dilkhayot Kasimov^{USPER} 26 Brooklyn, NY Indicted for allegedly assisting in collecting \$1,600 for his friend Saidakhme's^{USPER} (also cited in this product) attempt to join ISIL. Plead not guilty.
-  Jul 2015 Arafat Nagi^{USPER} 44 Lacakwanna, NY Allegedly traveled from Lackawanna to Turkey on two separate occasions with the intention of joining ISIL. Law enforcement tipped off by a resident who heard him talking about his violent extremist beliefs. Indicted on two charges of attempting to provide material support to ISIL.
-  Jun 2015 Munther Saleh^{USPER} 20 Queens, NY Indicted after allegedly plotting to detonate a pressure-cooker bomb in New York City.
-  May 2014 Mufid Elfgeeh^{USPER} 30 Rochester, NY Arrested after allegedly planning an attack against US military personnel upon their return to the United States from the Middle East. Indicted for attempting to provide support to ISIL and for the attempted murder of current and former US servicemembers.
-  Jun 2015 Fareed Mumuni^{USPER} 21 Staten Island, NY Indicted for allegedly attacking a FBI agent with a knife during questioning at his residence; allegedly also aspired to travel overseas and join ISIL.
-  Feb 2015 Nihad Rosic^{USPER} 26 Utica, NY Indicted for allegedly attempting to join ISIL and sending military clothing and equipment to ISIL. Plead not guilty.
-  Sep 2015 Ali Saleh^{USPER} 22 Queens, NY Arrested after allegedly attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Charged with attempting to travel to the Mideast to join and provide material support to ISIL.


NORTH CAROLINA: 4

-  Jun 2015 Justin Sullivan^{USPER} 19 Morganton, NC Arrested for allegedly plotting to kill a large number of US citizens on behalf of ISIL. Charged with attempting to provide material support to ISIL.
-  Mar 2014 Akba Jordan^{USPER} 21 Raleigh, NC Arrested after admitting to making an appointment to obtain a passport in order to go to Syria and fight. After his arrest, FBI found an AK-47 rifle, ammunition, and a sword in his apartment. Plead guilty.
-  Mar 2014 Avin Brown^{USPER} 21 Raleigh, NC Indicted after attempting travel to Syria to join a violent extremist group, which included ISIL. Recently plead guilty.
-  Aug 2014 Donald Morgan^{USPER} 44 Rowan County, NC Arrested after returning from the Middle East, where he allegedly tried to travel from Lebanon to Syria to join ISIL before being stopped at the Istanbul airport and sent back to Lebanon. Sentenced to 20 years in prison.


OHIO: 2

-  Jan 2015 Christopher Cornell^{USPER} 20 Green, OH Arrested for allegedly plotting to build, plant and detonate pipe bombs near the US Capitol building and then use firearms to kill officials and employees at the Capitol. Indicted for attempting to support a terrorist organization.
-  Jun 2015 Amir Al-Ghazi^{USPER} 38 Sheffield Lake, OH Indicted after allegedly expressing a desire to perpetrate an attack in the United States and attempting to purchase an AK-47 assault rifle. Plead not guilty to one count of supporting terrorism and two weapons-related charges.






PENNSYLVANIA: 1

-  Apr 2015 Keonna Thomas^{USPER} 30 Philadelphia, PA Arrested after allegedly attempting to join ISIL. Indicted for attempting to aid a foreign terrorist organization.



RHODE ISLAND: 1

-  Jun 2015 Nicholas Rovinski^{USPER} 24 Warwick, RI Indicted for alleged involvement in a plan to attack an anti-Islam activist. Plead not guilty.


TEXAS: 5

-  Jun 2015 Michael Wolfe^{USPER} 24 Austin, TX Arrested after attempting travel to Syria with the intent of joining ISIL. Sentenced to nearly seven years in federal prison and five years supervised release.
-  May 2015 Elton Simpson 30 Garland, TX Traveled from Arizona to Garland to attack a cartoon-drawing contest depicting the Prophet Muhamad. Shot and killed by police officers stationed outside the event.
-  May 2015 Nadir Soofi 34 Garland, TX Traveled from Arizona to Garland to attack a cartoon-drawing contest depicting the Prophet Muhamad. Shot and killed by police officers stationed outside the event.
-  Mar 2015 Bilal Abood^{USPER} 37 Mesquite, TX Allegedly traveled to Syria in 2013 and lied to the FBI about pledging allegiance to ISIL in 2014. Indicted on one count of making false statements to a federal agency.
-  May 2015 Asher Khan^{USPER} 20 Spring, TX Traveled to Istanbul, allegedly en route to Syria to fight with ISIL; lured back to the US by his family, which falsely told him his mother was sick. Charged with conspiracy to provide material support to ISIL.

VIRGINIA: 2

-  Jan 2015 Heather Coffman^{USPER} 29 Glen Allen, VA Arrested for making false statements in an FBI terrorism investigation after offering to help an undercover agent connect someone with ISIL. Sentenced to 54 months in federal prison.
-  Feb 2015 Ali Amin^{USPER} 17 Manassas, VA Arrested after facilitating his friend's travel to Syria to join ISIL. Also authored many pro-ISIL online accounts. Sentenced to 136 months in prison and a lifetime of supervised release.

WISCONSIN: 1

-  Apr 2015 Joshua Van Haften^{USPER} 34 Madison, WI Indicted after allegedly attempting travel to join ISIL. Charged with attempting to provide material support and resources, namely himself as personnel, to a foreign terrorist organization.

(U) Source Summary Statement

(U//FOUO) Analysis in this HSRA of ISIL-related activities disrupted between January 2014 and September 2015 are based on open source reporting, criminal complaints, and indictments. We have **medium confidence** in our analysis of the noted individuals' activities, as the government information is considered highly reliable and much of the open source reporting has been corroborated.

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