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## GW Extremism Tracker: Oath Keepers

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# OATH KEEPERS

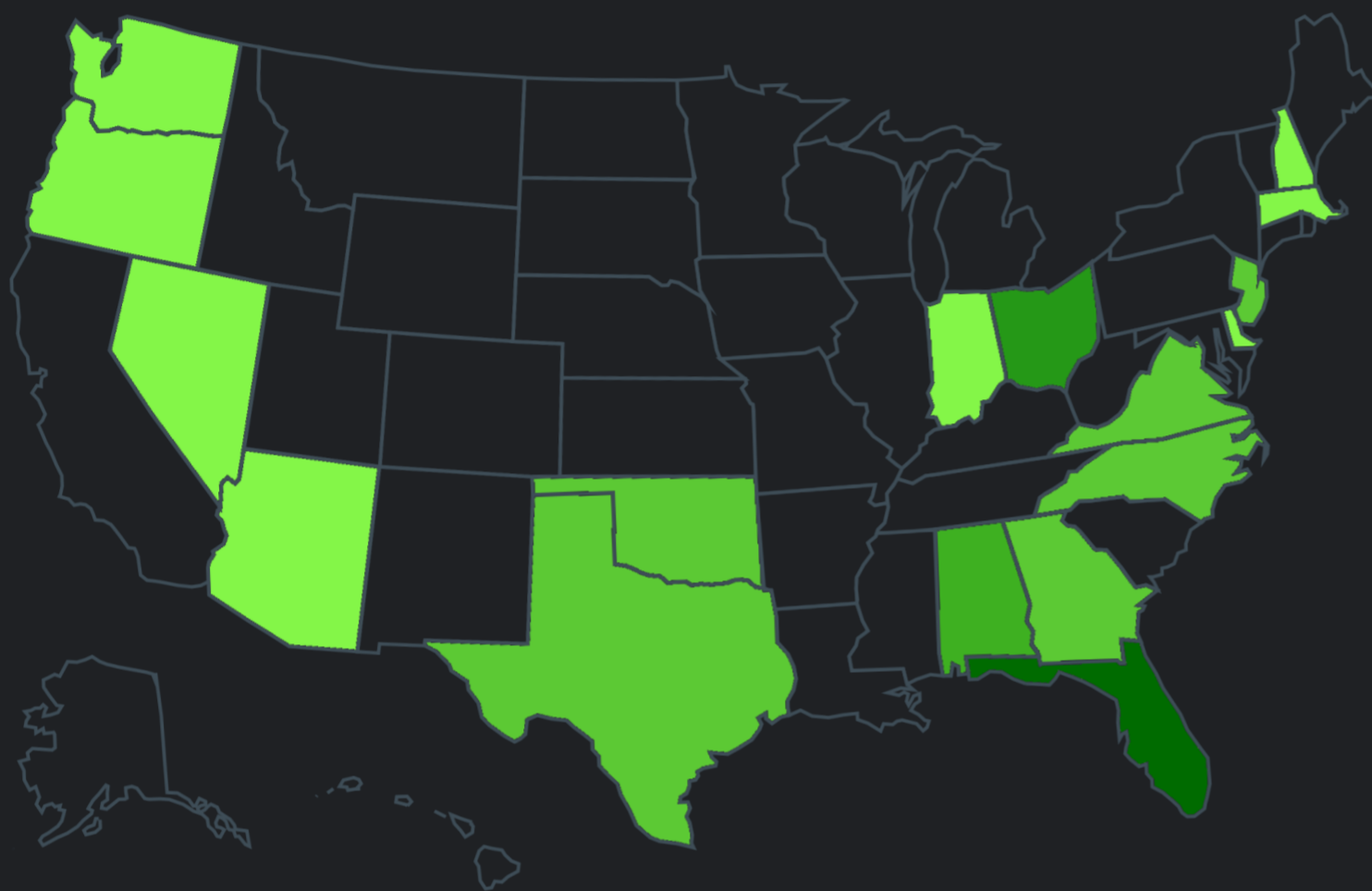


**49**

cases. **33** cases linked to the events of January 6, 2021, of which 1 is charged with assault and 25 of which are charged with conspiring to obstruct the congressional proceeding

## NUMBERS BY STATE

To date, 17 states have had at least one charge within their borders



AL	3	MA	1	OK	2
AZ	1	NC	2	OR	1
DE	1	NH	1	TX	3
FL	19	NJ	2	VA	2
GA	2	NV	1	WA	1
IN	2	OH	5		

**70.2**

months average sentence length

**47**

Average age

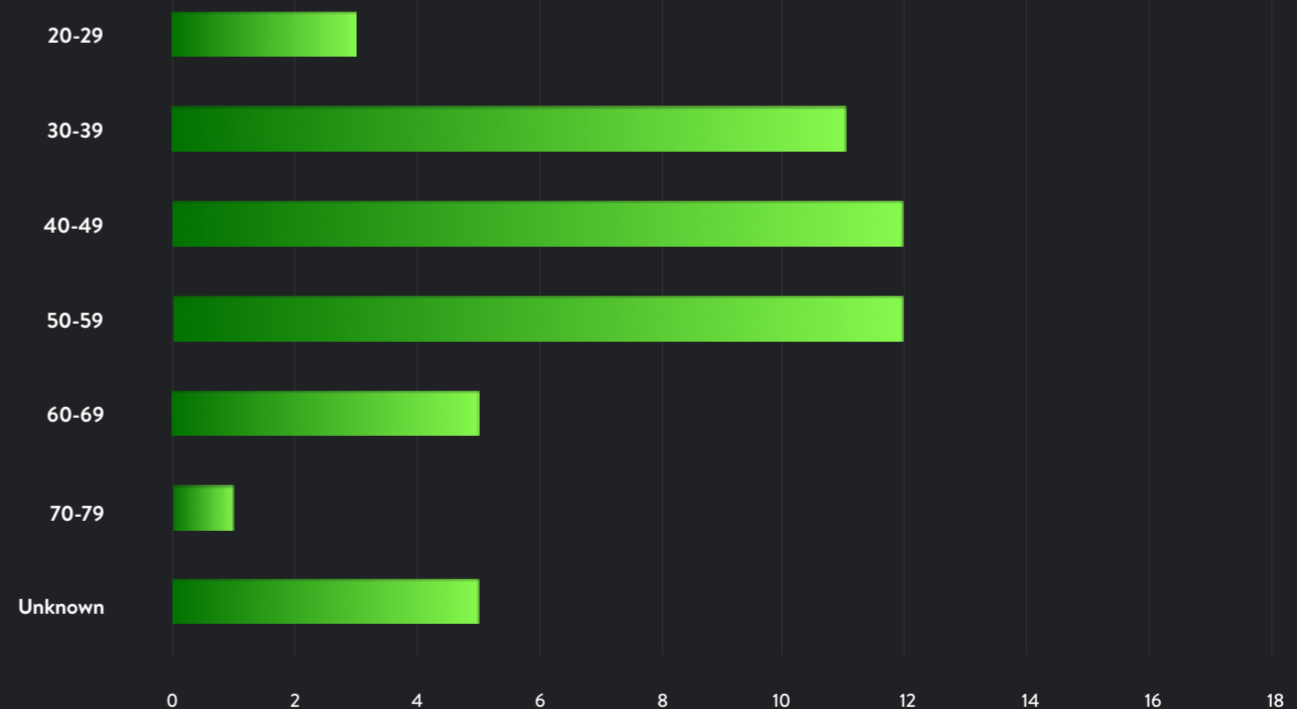
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are male

**36/49**

pleaded guilty or convicted by trial

## AGE



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# LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

## William Todd Wilson

**Date:** May 4, 2022

**Age:** 45

**State:** North Carolina

William Todd Wilson, a 45-year-old resident of Newton Grove, North Carolina, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to charges of seditious conspiracy and obstruction of an official proceeding stemming from his conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to the statement of offense, Wilson conspired with Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes to oppose by force the lawful transfer of power on January 6. During this conspiracy, Wilson served as a county leader of the North Carolina chapter of the Oath Keepers, communicating regularly with Rhodes and other Oath Keepers using an encrypted messaging application from November of 2020 through January 6, 2021. Wilson traveled to the District of Columbia on January 5 at the behest of Rhodes, bringing an AR-15 style rifle, a 9-millimeter pistol, approximately 200 rounds of ammunition, body armor, and pepper spray. On January 6, Wilson traveled with Rhodes to the restricted grounds of the U.S. Capitol, and Wilson later entered the U.S. Capitol building in order to gather intelligence, in furtherance of the conspiracy to prevent the peaceful transfer of presidential power.

**Sources:** Wilson Plea Agreement, Wilson Statement of Offense, NBC News

## Geoffrey Samuel Shough

**Date:** August 16, 2022

**Age:** 37

**State:** Texas

Geoffrey Samuel Shough, a 37-year-old resident of Austin, Texas, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to felony civil disorder stemming from his conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to the statement of offense, Shough rented a car on January 2, 2021, and began travel from Texas to Washington, D.C., with the intent to protest Congress's certification of the Electoral College. Shough attended the "Stop the Steal" rally on the Ellipse on January 6, 2021, wearing a body armor vest, a ballistic-style helmet with an Oath Keepers decal on the back, goggles and hard-knuckle gloves. After the rally, Shough moved onto restricted Capitol grounds, moving onto the West Lawn and waving a large Texas flag as other rioters attacked and overwhelmed police on the Northwest Steps of the U.S. Capitol. Shough then proceeded to the Northwest Courtyard of the U.S. Capitol before unlawfully entering the Capitol building through the Senate Wing Door, joining a group of rioters who overwhelmed and breached a police line before moving deeper into the U.S. Capitol building.

**Sources:** Shough Plea Agreement, Shough Statement of Offense, Law & Crime

## Oath Keepers Trial Group #1

**Date:** November 29, 2022

Five Oath Keepers, including the group's founder and leader Stewart Rhodes, were convicted by a jury in the District of Columbia on a number of felony offenses stemming from their criminal conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Rhodes and his co-defendant Kelly Meggs were convicted on seditious conspiracy charges for their role in conspiring to oppose by force the authority of the government of the United States. The remaining defendants—Kenneth Harrelson, Jessica Watkins, and Thomas Caldwell—were found not guilty of seditious conspiracy but were

convicted on related conspiracy or felony charges. All five defendants were convicted on charges of obstructing an official proceeding on January 6, 2021. According to evidence presented at trial, the five defendants conspired to travel to Washington, D.C., in order to oppose by force the certification of the Electoral College. According to evidence presented at trial, the defendants and other Oath Keepers organized into teams that transported firearms to the Capitol region for use by a proposed “Quick Reaction Force,” and which brought paramilitary equipment such as knives, batons, tactical vests and radio equipment with them onto Capitol grounds. As the crowd on Capitol grounds grew on January 6, defendants joined other Oath Keepers members and moved up the steps of the U.S. Capitol in military ‘stack’ formation before breaching the building with the mob. Following January 6, Rhodes and other Oath Keepers continued to plot to oppose by force the lawful transfer of presidential power.

**Sources:** Oath Keepers Trial Group 1 Jury Verdict Form, DOJ Press Release, AP News

## **Luis Hallon**

**Date:** December 14, 2022

**Age:** 44

**State:** Florida

Luis Hallon, a 67-year-old resident of St. Cloud, Florida, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to Parading, Demonstrating or Picketing in a Capitol Building in relation to his criminal conduct on January 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol. According to the statement of offense, Hallon traveled from Florida to Washington, D.C., with Oath Keeper Traci Isaacs on January 4, 2021. Upon arriving in Washington, D.C. on January 6, Hallon and Isaacs proceeded to the U.S. Capitol and joined the protest against the certification of the Electoral College on the East Front of the Capitol building. After joining a larger crowd, Hallon and Isaacs advanced up the steps along the East Front of the building despite the police presence and the police use of tear gas to attempt to disperse the crowd. Hallon entered the Capitol through the Columbus Doors, and later walked through the Rotunda and took photos, observing law enforcement attempting to clear the Rotunda of rioters.

**Sources:** Luis Hallon Plea Agreement, Luis Hallon Statement of Offense, News 6 Orlando

## **Oath Keepers Trial Group #2**

**Date:** January 23, 2023

Four Oath Keepers—Roberto Minuta, Joseph Hackett, David Moerschel, and Edward Vallejo—were found guilty by a jury in the District of Columbia of seditious conspiracy and other charges for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to evidence presented at trial, the defendants conspired to oppose by force the lawful transfer of presidential power, including by assembling an armed “quick reaction force” on the outskirts of the District of Columbia. The defendants coordinated and planned travel to Washington, D.C., made plans to store firearms in Virginia, and traveled with paramilitary gear and supplies to support their efforts. In addition to the seditious conspiracy charge, all four defendants were found guilty of conspiring to obstruct and obstruction of an official proceeding, and conspiracy to prevent Members of Congress from discharging their official duties. Hackett was also found guilty of destruction of evidence.

**Sources:** Oath Keepers Trial Group 2 Verdict Form, DOJ Press Release, CNN

## **Oath Keepers Trial Group #3**

**Date:** March 20, 2023

Six Oath Keepers—Sandra Parker, Bennie Parker, Laura Steele, Connie Meggs, William Isaacs, and Michael Greene—were found guilty by a jury in the District of Columbia on charges for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol

on January 6, 2021. According to evidence presented at trial, defendants coordinated travel to the U.S. Capitol with the intent to disrupt Congress's certification of the Electoral College. Members of the group equipped paramilitary gear and joined other Oath Keepers marching towards the Capitol, past police barricades and onto restricted Capitol grounds. Several defendants, including Sandra Parker, Laura Steele, Connie Meggs, and William Isaacs, then joined with a larger group of Oath Keepers and formed a military 'stack' formation and moved up the Capitol steps before forcing their way into the Capitol building.

**Sources:** Oath Keepers Trial Group 3 Verdict Form, DOJ Press Release, New York Times

## Traci Isaacs

**Date:** April 21, 2023

**Age:** 52

**State:** Florida

Trace Isaacs, a 52-year-old resident of St. Cloud, Florida, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to altering, destroying, mutilating, or concealing a record, document, or other object, in relation to evidence which detailed her criminal conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to the statement of offense, Isaacs traveled from Florida to Washington, D.C., with several Oath Keepers, including William Isaacs. Traci Isaacs was active in a planning chat on an encrypted messaging application used by the Oath Keepers traveling to Washington, D.C., and used this chat to coordinate her activities before and on January 6, 2021. Isaacs entered the U.S. Capitol through the Columbus Doors on the East Front as part of the mob, taking photos and videos of the Rotunda while observing law enforcement attempting to force the mob out of the area. Following her participation in the breach of the U.S. Capitol, Isaacs deleted or attempted to delete text messages, photos, videos, and other evidence, and instructed others to delete similar records. Among the messages deleted was a January 7 text from Isaacs stating, "We are all Oathkeepers...we should have occupied the Capitol with demands."

**Sources:** Isaacs Plea Agreement, Isaacs Statement of Offense, News 6 Orlando