

# ATSCoRR

## User Guide



This document is a guide to usage of the American Terrorism Study Court Record Repository (ATSCoRR) website, which is accessible by approved personnel only. Data, documents, and features are subject to change.

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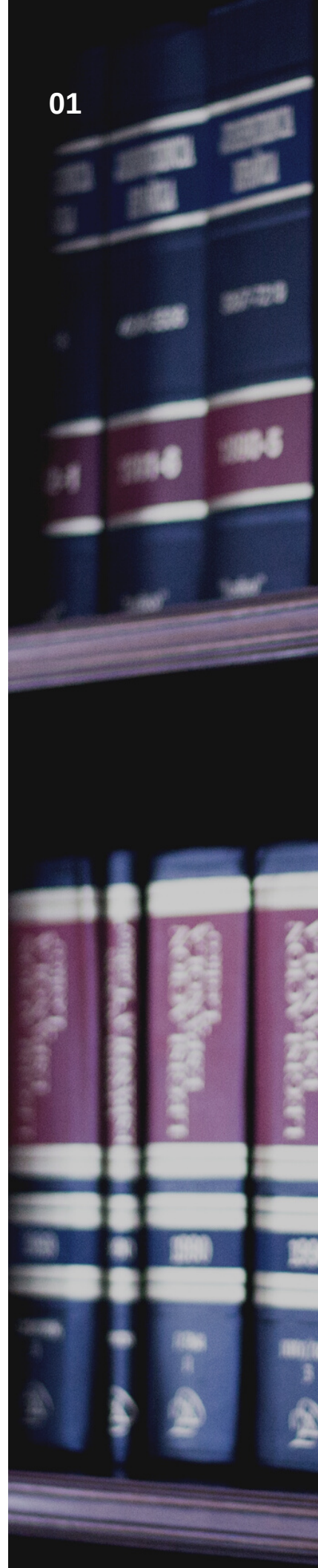
## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The American Terrorism Study Court Record Repository (ATSCoRR) is a secure, web-based platform that includes access to four decades of federal terrorism cases contained in the American Terrorism Study (ATS) database. ATSCoRR is intended to be a tool for government entities, law enforcement, researchers, and intelligence analysts to view ATS-stored court records, legal outcomes, and offender information in a convenient, easy-to-navigate platform. A first release of the ATSCoRR occurred in March 2022.

ATSCoRR was built based on data requests and feedback from end-users, and we continue to seek input on the design, functionality, content, and utility of the website. Court cases and documents are routinely updated, and the project team welcomes any and all suggestions for improvement - to provide feedback, please fill out the Contact form in the menu bar.

ATSCoRR was a collaborative effort between the Terrorism Research Center (TRC) and the Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies (CAST) at the University of Arkansas. For more information about the TRC, please visit our [website](#).

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# TYPES OF DATA AVAILABLE IN ATSCORR

## **COURT CASES**

Court Cases are the broadest level of data in ATSCoRR. These include federal court cases and their associated case documents, serving as a grouping feature for related indictees and court cases. Each court case in ATSCoRR also contains a brief (roughly 150 words) summary. Users can view related incident and targeting information. See page 7 for a description of court case variables.

## **DEFENDANTS**

Defendants, also referred to as Indicttees in ATSCoRR, are individuals who have been charged in connection with a specific court case. They are linked to court cases and to individual criminal counts and are listed along with basic demographic information - such as their gender, citizenship, and age at arrest - in addition to their case results. Users can view related defendants and related court cases, as well as the group affiliation for each indictee. For a description of indictee variables included, see page 8.

## **CRIMINAL COUNTS**

Criminal counts in ATSCoRR are based off of the "lead" charge of the most recent indictment in the court case. Count-related information includes the specific statute being referenced, as well as information about individual outcomes and outcomes on a broader scale through the count statistics page. Users can find defendants and court cases that include specific statutes in the "Counts" portion of the navigation menu at the top of the screen.

# ACCESSING ATSCORR

To begin, click here or go to <https://atscorr.cast.uark.edu> - if you have not previously logged in and saved your information, you will see the login below.

TERRORISM  
RESEARCH  
CENTER

Welcome to the  
American Terrorism Study  
Court Record Repository

1 Email address

Password

Remember Me

Sign In

[Forgot Your Password?](#)

2 New User? [Request Access](#)

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**Existing Users:** Enter the e-mail address and password you registered with here then click Sign In. If you don't want to sign in each time you return to ATSCoRR, click "Remember Me".

2

**New Users:** Individuals who have not previously requested access to ATSCoRR can click here to do so. Registration requires your contact information, affiliation, and e-mail validation.

## Troubleshooting Registration Issues



Not all access requests will be approved. Individuals registering with their official law enforcement or government e-mail address will be approved, while others will be approved on a case by case basis as outlined in the project proposal.

When you submit your registration request, you will first need to validate your e-mail address. The automatic validation message will come from [atscorradmin@cast.uark.edu](mailto:atscorradmin@cast.uark.edu). If you do not receive it within a few minutes, please check your spam or junk folder and add the e-mail address to your contacts. Do not reply to the validation e-mail, as it is unmonitored. After you validate your email address, your access request will be sent to Terrorism Research Center personnel for review.

You will receive a separate notification upon approval. If you do not receive approval within 2 business days or have other issues, please reach out to us at [trc@uark.edu](mailto:trc@uark.edu) directly.

# SEARCHING AND FILTERING

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Circuits States Districts

Select Court Case

Court Case 2

Select Indictree

Indictree

Search for Court Case

Ideology

Last Name First Name

Case Name

Start date

End date

Incident Attached

Search 3

- 1 The map filter in ATSCoRR is clickable and can be controlled to collate cases at the U.S. federal district, state, circuit, or national level. Filters are reciprocal - for example, if you select the state of Arkansas, the "Select Court Case" menu and "Select Indictree" menu will automatically be filtered for cases and individuals from Arkansas.
- 2 Users can go directly to a known court case or indictee overview page by selecting either a Court Case or an Indictree from the corresponding menu. Once a user selects a specific case or person, they will be taken directly to that overview page. To search for cases, use the "Search for Court Case" section.
- 3 To find a list of court cases matching certain criteria, use the "Search for Court Case" section. Users can generate a list of cases based on the map filter, a defendant's last or first name, the case name, or based on an indictment date. There are also filters for ideological category and whether or not there is a failed, foiled, or completed act of violence (plot) coded for the case. Incidents can be further filtered by target details.

# NAVIGATING COURT CASES

Clicking on a Court Case will bring up the Court Case overview screen, containing basic information about the case and copies of uploaded court documents.

The screenshot displays the ATSCoRR interface. On the left, a sidebar shows a case overview for 'Southern District of Ohio' with details like 'Court Case: 15-CR-95 (OH-5)', 'Case Name: USA v. Mohamud', and a summary of the case. A red circle with the number '1' is placed over this sidebar. In the center, a 'Documents' section shows a 'Docket' with a list of numbers (1, 123, 124, 142). A red circle with the number '2' is placed over this section. On the right, a document viewer shows a 'CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:15-cr-00095-MHW-EPD-1' with defendant information and attorney details. A red circle with the number '2' is placed over the document content. At the bottom, a gallery of document thumbnails is visible.


**1** This area contains information about the case and indictees and a brief summary of the court case. Users can click directly on an Indictee's name to view an Indictee's overview page, click on related Court Cases, and click on "View Incidents" (if applicable) to view associated plot and target information.

**2** To navigate case documents, select a number from the middle column labeled "Documents". Each file is labeled according to its equivalent number on the case Docket, or with a nominal label if a Docket was unavailable. To scroll within a document, use the gallery at the bottom or the navigation arrows. Case documents are uploaded as images and cannot be downloaded directly in PDF format. There are a wide variety of case documents available in ATSCoRR, including some that predate the PACER system.

# INDICTEE OVERVIEWS

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**Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud**

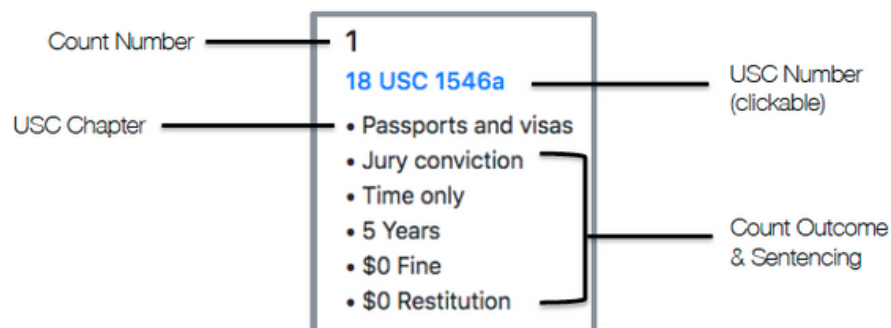
|                         |                                       |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Aliases:</b>         | Ayanle                                |
| <b>Gender:</b>          | Male                                  |
| <b>Citizen:</b>         | United States/Somalia                 |
| <b>Citizen Type:</b>    | Naturalized citizen                   |
| <b>Arrest Date:</b>     | 2015-04-16                            |
| <b>Age Arrest:</b>      | 23                                    |
| <b>Indictment Date:</b> | 2015-04-16                            |
| <b>Judgment Date:</b>   | 2018-02-05                            |
| <b>Case Outcome:</b>    | Pleaded guilty to one or more charges |
| <b>Sentence:</b>        | 264 Months                            |
| <b>Linked Groups:</b>   | Al-Nusra Front (ANF)                  |

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| <b>Court Case:</b>   | 15-CR-95 (OH-S)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Related Cases:</b>  | None   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Related Indictees:</b>  | None   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**1** Indictee information contains basis demographic and case-related variables for each indictee. Users can also access related court cases and related indictee overview pages from this page.

**2** The counts section for the indictee overview page lists the charges against that defendant and the resulting outcome. Users can click on the USC code (shown here in blue, and appearing in ATSCoRR in red), to access the count statistics page for that charge (see page 9).





# CRIMINAL COUNTS

## COUNT SEARCHES

Clicking "Counts" on the top right-hand menu will open the Count Statistics search page. Users can search by USC number, ideology, or indictment date. If a prosecutor did not reference a specific paragraph in the indictment, it will not be coded as a paragraph. Again, filters are reciprocal and there is also a map function.

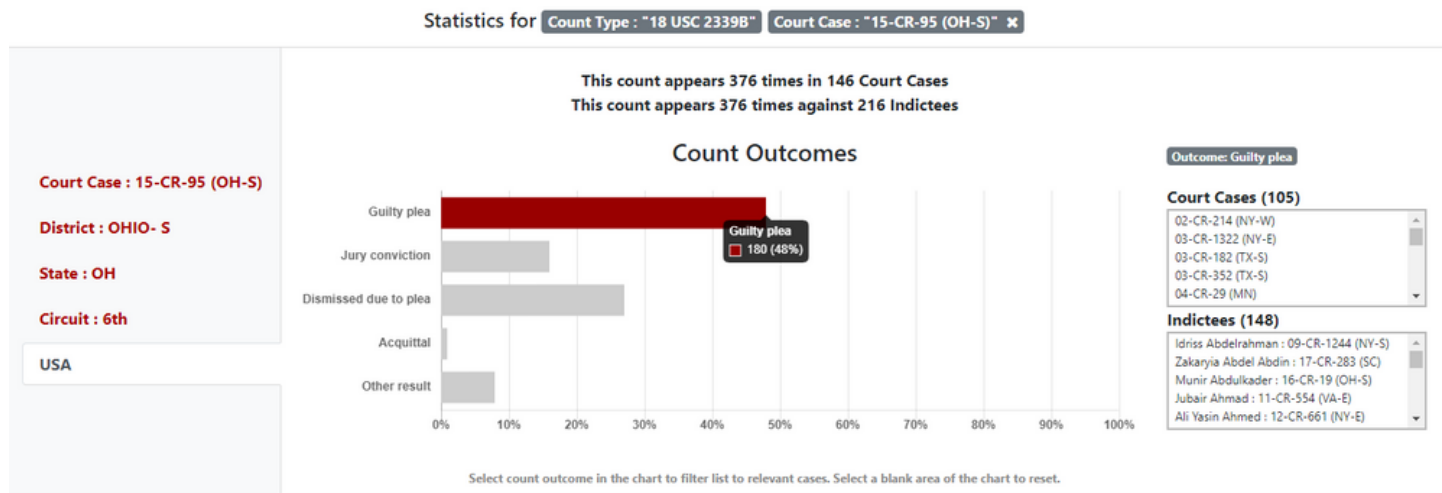
Clicking "Get Statistics" will bring the user to the count-specific statistics page summarized below.

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### Count Statistics

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This page is useful to navigate directly to cases or defendants associated with a specific statute. Clicking on a bar in the graph will filter cases and defendants by that case outcome. This is useful if, for example, a user was searching for the application of a specific statute that resulted in guilty pleas. Depending on how the count statistics page was generated (via count search or from an indictree page), users can also change or remove geographic filters on the data and see how the count conviction statistics vary across place.

## CASE INFORMATION

Descriptions of the type of information and data attached to each court case.

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Court Case</b>       | Codes the unique court case number assigned by the court  |
| <b>Case Name</b>        | Codes the parties involved in the case as indicated by the court  |
| <b>City</b>             | U.S. city the court case occurs in  |
| <b>Indictment Year</b>  | Year of the first indictment in the case, or information if no indictment   |
| <b>Defendants</b>       | Number of persons indicted in the court case  |
| <b>Number of Counts</b> | Number of criminal counts in the “live” indictment in the court case (e.g., if there is a superseding indictment, this number and other coding reflects the charges in the indictment the case actually proceeds from)  |
| <b>Linked Groups</b>    | Groups or movements affiliated with the court case – a group is linked in the ATS if one or more persons indicted in the case was a member of, supporter of, acted on behalf of the group, or has activity and ideological indicators consistent with that of the group |
| <b>Indictees</b>        | Lists the persons indicted in the court case – clicking a name will bring you to that person’s indictee information page  |
| <b>Incidents</b>        | Any incidents – clicking View Incidents will open a dialogue box displaying a brief description of the incident and target information  |
| <b>Related Cases</b>    | Lists court cases considered linked, most often by indictees associated with the same group or cell or incidents  |
| <b>Summary</b>          | Gives a brief summary of the court case   |

## INDICTEE INFORMATION

Descriptions of the type of information and data attached to each indictee.

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Aliases</b>           | Known aliases used by the defendant, particularly those listed in the court case   |
| <b>Gender</b>            | Gender of the defendant  |
| <b>Citizen</b>           | Country or countries of citizenship associated with the defendant (as best can be determined) at the time of indictment  |
| <b>Citizen Type</b>      | U.S. citizenship status of the defendant   |
| <b>Arrest Date</b>       | Date of arrest on charges for defendant  |
| <b>Age Arrest</b>        | Defendant's age at time of arrest on charges   |
| <b>Indictment Date</b>   | Date of the original indictment against the defendant in the case  |
| <b>Judgment Date</b>     | Date of the judgment against the defendant in the case   |
| <b>Case Outcome</b>      | Case result for the defendant  |
| <b>Sentence</b>          | Defendant's sentence, if applicable  |
| <b>Linked Groups</b>     | Groups linked to the defendant in the case   |
| <b>Related Cases</b>     | Lists court cases considered linked, most often by defendants associated with the same group or cell or incidents  |
| <b>Related Indictees</b> | Lists other defendants considered linked, most often by defendants associated with the same group or cell or incidents   |
| <b>Counts</b>            | Each defendant page lists the counts against that defendant, and the outcome of that count. Only counts from the "live" indictment are listed. Each count lists the criminal code section and chapter, the result of the count, and the sentence (if applicable). Users can click on any USC code to view associated statistics and find other cases with that charge. |



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