

# FBI Director James Comey: Several ISIS-Inspired July 4 Attacks Foiled

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“It’s actually hard to figure out when they’re trying to kill somebody,” Comey said. “And you cannot say, ‘Well, we’ve got to do it on the Fourth. Because you know you have people who are motivated to kill people, and they are unreliable in terms of when they’re going to act.’”

The FBI has arrested around a dozen people in the past four weeks, Comey said.

“We made the arrests to thwart what we thought they were up to,” he added. “Some of them were focused on the Fourth of July, and that’s as specific as I can get.”

He declined to say how many of those arrested were planning to carry out attacks or to describe the nature of what they were planning...