

GOOGLE AND AMAZON CRACKED DOWN ON GUNS BUT STILL MAKE IT EASY TO FIND BOOM-MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

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Google and Amazon have taken steps to censor gun-related topics on their platforms, but they still make it easy for would-be terrorists to find instructions for building pipe bombs.

Authorities **arrested Florida man Cesar Sayoc Jr.** on Friday for sending **explosive devices** to a number of high-profile Democrats, including former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and billionaire Democratic donor **George Soros**.

A package addressed to former CIA Director John Brennan was also sent to CNN, though Brennan is actually an MSNBC contributor. **(RELATED: Chuck Todd Says Mail Bombs 'Could Be Some Sort Of Russian Operation)**

Cesar Sayoc Jr. Photo: Broward Sheriff Office

Investigators believe the bomb-maker got their designs from the internet, Reuters **reported** Thursday evening, citing a law enforcement source. It's also possible that the bomb-maker drew from The Anarchist Cookbook, which includes instructions for a variety of weapons and explosives, the source said.

In August, **Amazon banned the sale** of a book that contained the code for a 3D-printed gun, but the online retailer still sells copies of The Anarchist Cookbook.

And Google's first page of search results for pipe-bomb making instructions includes a text file with instructions written by Columbine shooter Eric Harris.

"Pipe bombs are some of the easiest and deadliest ways to kill a group of people," Harris wrote. He recommended using shrapnel "if you want to kill and injure a lot of people."

YouTube, which is owned by Google, announced in March that it would **ban videos** with instructions for assembling guns.

A Google spokeswoman said the company removes information from search only in certain circumstances, including if a court has deemed it illegal. No court has ruled the Harris instructions to be illegal, the spokeswoman pointed out.

Amazon did not return a request for comment.

None of the explosive devices Sayoc allegedly sent to high-profile figures exploded. It's unclear if that was by design or the result of shoddy workmanship.