

Pipe Bombs Sent to Soros, Clinton, Obama, Maxine Waters, Eric Holder, John Brennan, Joe Biden and Robert DeNiro



Pipe bombs were mailed to prominent Democrats, including George Soros, Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Representative Maxine Waters, and former Attorney General Eric Holder. Another was sent to the CNN station in New York and was addressed to former Director of the CIA John Brennan. On Thursday morning, former Vice President Joe Biden and actor Robert DeNiro, an outspoken and vulgar critic against Trump. None of the bombs were detonated. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said his office received a similar package, but New York police officials said the office was cleared and no device was found. Law enforcement officials said all the packages were similar: manila envelopes with bubble-wrap interior bearing six stamps and the return address of disgraced Florida Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the former chair of the DNC who was accused of rigging the nominee process in favor of Hillary Clinton.

A wave of glass-filled pipe bombs targeting Hillary Clinton, former President Barack Obama, other prominent Democrats and CNN was thwarted without physical harm, but an anxiety-filled day on Wednesday deepened political tensions and fears two weeks before national midterm elections.

None of the bombs detonated as law enforcement took them away for examination and disposal.

The first crude bomb to be discovered had been delivered Monday to the suburban New York compound of George Soros, a liberal billionaire and major contributor to Democratic causes. The FBI said an additional package was intended for former Attorney General Eric Holder, but that one ended up at a Florida office of Democratic Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, whose return address was on it.

Later Wednesday, the FBI said two additional packages addressed for Rep. Maxine Waters had been intercepted that were similar in appearance to five others.

The targets of the bombs were some of the figures most frequently criticized by President Donald Trump, who still assails Clinton at rallies while supporters chant “lock her up” – two years after he defeated her and she largely left the political scene. Trump accuses Soros of paying protesters and singles out cable news network CNN as he rails against the “fake news” media.

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