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Search Warrant Issued to Alt-Right Discussion Board 8chan | The Daily Dot

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A <u>search warrant</u> has been issued to <u>8chan</u>, an alt-right online message board. The warrant is in connection to the Poway synagogue shooting in California.

On April 27, 19-year-old John Earnest opened fire on the Chabad of Poway synagogue in Poway, California. The <u>terrorist attack</u> resulted in one person's death and the injury of three others. The attack occurred on the last day of Passover, the Jewish holiday, and was live-streamed by Earnest on 8chan.

<u>8chan</u> is an online message board that launched in 2013 and can only be characterized as an even more lawless hub for heinous discourse than <u>4chan</u>.

Court documents, that went unsealed on June 13, reveal that on April 29, a search warrant was issued to 8chan for the IP and metadata information on Earnest's posts from the day of the shooting.

The warrant also calls for the information of other 8chan users who commented on Earnest's posts. The users who replied to the thread that Earnest posted could be "potential witnesses, co-conspirators and/or individuals who are inspired" by his posts about the shooting, according to the warrant.

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