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## Trump's False Posts Were Treated with Kid Gloves by Facebook | The Markup

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As users drifted through Facebook in the aftermath of the presidential election, they may have run across a satirical article about the Nashville bombing in December. Playing off conspiracies about COVID-19 death diagnoses, a viral photo jokingly suggested the bomber had "died from COVID-19 shortly after blowing himself up."

In the beginning of January, a New York woman was shown the photo—shared by a friend—in her news feed. Facebook appended a note over the top: The information was false.

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