

Cesar Sayoc's Nationality: Suspect Was Immigrant's Son

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Cesar Sayoc

Cesar Sayoc, who stands accused of sending a string of packages with explosive devices to top Democrats, is the son of a Filipino immigrant and his Brooklyn-born wife.

The arrest of Sayoc has some people wondering more about his nationality and biography. Sayoc, 56, of South Florida, is a registered Republican who plastered his van and social media accounts with pro Donald Trump and Republican rhetoric, trashing many of the same Democrats who received packages. He now stands accused of multiple federal crimes after fingerprint and DNA evidence led authorities to him. He was such a fervent Trump supporter that he filled his social media accounts with photos and video from Trump rallies, some showing him wearing a Make America Great Again hat. You can see those photos and videos [here](#).

MORE: Image taken at earlier date shows white van covered in decals of Pres. Trump, targets over the likenesses of Hillary Clinton, former Pres. Obama, filmmaker Michael Moore; it's believed to be same van at scene of suspect's arrest in Plantation, Fla. <https://t.co/gsq71KV0gB> pic.twitter.com/ysuk205JtT

— CBS Evening News (@CBSEveningNews) [October 26, 2018](#)

What's known about Cesar Sayoc's nationality? Here's what you need to know:

Sayoc's Dad Was an Immigrant From the Philippines

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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(To be retained
by Clerk of Court)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

No. 47827

To the Honorable
The District Court of the United States at Miami, Florida
This petition for naturalization, hereby made and filed under section 316 (a), Immigration and Nationality Act, respectfully shows:

(1) My full, true, and correct name is Cesar Sayoc
(2) My present place of residence is 1170 N.E. 170 Street North Miami Beach
Dade Florida 33161
(3) I was born on May 14, 1932 in Manila Philippines
(4) I am married and have three living children.
(5) I was lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence on December 08, 1956 and have not abandoned such residence.
(6) My present nationality is Philippines ALIEN REGISTRATION NO. A8 917 448
(7) I have not heretofore made a petition for naturalization.
(8) I pray that my name be changed to None

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The naturalization record of Sayoc's father

Cesar Sayoc refers in multiple social media posts to the Seminole tribe. However, that tribe says he is not a member. "We can find no evidence that Cesar Altieri, Caesar Altieri, Caesar Altieri Sayoc, Ceasar Altieri Randazzo (Facebook) or Julius Cesar Milan (Twitter) is or was a member or employee of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, or is or was an employee of Seminole Gaming or Hard Rock International," Gary Bitner, spokesperson for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, said, [according to Rolling Stone](#).

Rather, Sayoc was born to a father who moved to the United States from the Philippines. The Sayoc surname [is most commonly found](#) in the Philippines (second density for the surname is in the United States).

Cesar Sayoc, the package suspect, [was born in](#) Brooklyn, New York.

Sayoc's mother is from Brooklyn and his father, Cesar Sayoc Sr., was from the Philippines. The Miami Herald reports that his father was an immigrant from that country and "was naturalized in 1970 in North Miami Beach." Heavy has obtained Sayoc's dad's naturalization record from Ancestry.com, which you can read above.

The immigration record says the father, who spelled his name Ceasar Sayoc, came from Manila and was living in North Miami Beach. He arrived in the United States in 1956, the record states. Ancestry records indicate Sayoc's father died in 2009 and received a social security number in California. [The Miami Herald reports](#) that this

Cesar Sayoc is believed to be the suspect's father. There is a divorce record for Sayoc's parents on Ancestry.

In the immigration records, Sayoc's mother indicated she was born in Brooklyn, New York and was a citizen. Her nationality is not given. The parents met while attending beauty school, according to the record from Ancestry.com. Florida corporation records show Sayoc's mother has run several businesses in Florida.

IN THE MATTER OF
* Cesar Sayoc 482-47827
Petitioner for naturalization Partition No.

DISTRICT Court of UNITED STATES at Miami, Florida

MADELINE SAYOC being first duly sworn by me, deposed, testified and said as follows:
(Name of witness)

1. Q. State your full name, age, and address.
A. Name MADELINE SAYOC, age 27,
address 1170 N E 170 ST, NO MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA (DADE) 33162
(Street and number) (City) (State) (Country) (ZIP Code, if in U.S.)

2. Q. Where were you born? A. BROOKLYN NEW YORK (KINGS)
(City) (State) (Country)

3. Q. Are you a citizen of the United States? A. Yes
(Yes or No)

4. Q. If you are a naturalized citizen, state WHEN, WHERE, and in WHAT COURT you were naturalized and the number of your certificate. (ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE MUST BE SHOWN TO PERSON BEFORE WHOM THE FORM IS SWORN TO.) A. _____

5. Q. If you claim citizenship through another person, such as a parent, state that person's name, relationship, when and how he or she became a citizen, and the number of YOUR certificate of citizenship if one has been issued to you. A. _____
(Leave blank if you are a citizen by birth in U.S.)

6. Q. State when and where you first met * Cesar Sayoc in the United States
(Name of petitioner)
and how you came to meet him or her. A. September 1959 New York City
(Date) (Place)
We were both attending Mancinello Beauty School Located
(Circumstances under which you met)
60 43rd ST & BROADWAY N.Y.C.

7. Q. Have you personally known him or her to be a resident of the United States? A. Yes
(Yes or No)

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State of Florida corporation records show that the suspect had two registered businesses: Native American Catering & Vending and VER TECH AG.



Facebook/Cesar Sayoc

Sayoc had been living with his mother, the former Madeline Altieri, in recent years, according to court documents. He filed for bankruptcy in 2012 while living with her. According to CNN, his mother and stepfather kicked him out recently and he was living in his van. The origins of the Altieri surname [are generally](#) Italian.

In 1994, his grandmother, Viola Altieri, filed a domestic violence injunction against him. It was later dismissed at her request. His grandmother was also listed in court documents as having bailed him out of jail during other arrests. [Viola Altieri died](#) at age 92 in 2006. The obituary lists her daughter, the suspect's mother, as "Madeline (John) Sayoc Giardiello of Aventura." She appears to still go by the name of Madeline Giardiello.

[#Now](#): Lawyer representing Aventura family of mail bombing suspect calls Cesar Sayoc "mentally ill and insecure," and says Sayoc's mother learned of alleged crimes from her hospital bed following a surgery today. [@wsvnpic.twitter.com/SQ5nFxz2ks](#)

— Sheldon Fox-7 News (@fox_sheldon) [October 26, 2018](#)

Sayoc's mother learned about her son's arrest from a hospital bed after having surgery, the family lawyer told WSVN-TV, adding that the suspect is "mentally ill and insecure." [According to CBS Miami](#), Sayoc's mother is president of the condo association where she lives. "She has served the Board of Directors well for the past 18 years and she is a nice woman. It is amazing how these things just happen. It is crazy and unbelievable. I have not seen her son around her," one neighbor told the television station.

Sayoc Claims to Come From a Family Involved in Martial Arts in the Philippines But Things He Wrote on LinkedIn Aren't All True

Broward County Cesar Sayoc

On LinkedIn, Sayoc painted quite an elaborate tale about his family background, but not all of it checks out. However, he does claim to have relatives from the Philippines. Sayoc claimed on his LinkedIn page that his grandfather, Col. Baltazar Zook Sayoc, was a martial arts practitioner who created his own style of fighting, Sayoc Kali. Sayoc claimed in the post that the style was used to fight the Communist Party of the Philippines. [Here is a website](#) that explains the fighting style. Sayoc included the details about his family in a LinkedIn section in which he also claimed to have studied veterinary medicine.

However, one university he listed as attending on LinkedIn said in a statement that Cesar Altieri Sayoc never attended nor applied to it.

Here's what he wrote about his family in the LinkedIn post:

Career decision of becoming a Horse Doctor was always a love for animals, which were here first and never do anything to anyone. And respect all living things. My family very sound Sayoc name in Medical field Grandfather Col. Baltazar Zook Sayoc that perfect the conversion oriental eye to Americanize. The first plastic surgeon to be observed by 8 million people in NY city Hospital. He over through Communist Philippines liberated island. He built all hospitals in Philippines islands

and sets standards highest level. Most surgeon use his instruments which are patented. And a lot surgeon use today. Also Sayoc intl. schools marshals arts Kali that used to over throw communist party . Also one 5 Hero's disciplinary my mother Madeline Sayoc Giardiello First president Pharmacy Cosmetic Association, Who Who Business Women of Year, Soul buyer consultant for Home Shopping Network, head number 1 marketing consul in World Aventura Marketing consul, up for city counsel women Aventura.

A May 1960 article in the New Castle News from New Castle, Pennsylvania shows that there was a doctor from the Philippines who "made an intensive study of surgical correction of slant eyes." (That's in the words of the newspaper, showing how racist language was sometimes common in newspapers of the time). However, that article gives the name of that doctor as Lt. Col. Burgos T. Sayoc, not Baltazar Zook Sayoc, and there's no confirmation he's related to Cesar Sayoc. Two different obits of family members of Burgos Sayoc or his wife Severina don't mention Cesar Sayoc or his dad.

Almond Eyes Are Wanted By Some, Not By Others

By RALPH TEATSORTII
NEW YORK (UPI) — Some people like Oriental slit eyes. Some don't.

The preference depends on where you live, what kind of eyes nature gave you and your own idea of beauty.

These observations on almond eyes, so common to the yellow race, were given by a 55-year-old Philippine Army surgeon who has studied the matter for 10 years.

Lt. Col. Burgos T. Sayoc, chief of eye, ear, nose and throat at V. Luna General Hospital in Quezon City, the Philippines, is one of the few doctors anywhere to have made an intensive study of surgical correction of slant eyes.

His interest in the subject dates back in 1949 when he sought a way to correct an eye condition of one of his daughters. He found that American doctors had no experience in that field. He set out to

made in the upper lid, a small piece of muscle is removed to shorten the lid, and the outer skin is attached to the inner layer.

He said it is painless. The patient takes local anesthetic and is able to go home right after the operation. The stitches are removed in four or five days. The eyelids are so thin that a scar would be rare.

Women, he said, are more likely, for beauty's sake, to have the operation. In his experience, 72 per cent of the cases were women.

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DALLAS, Tex. (UPI) — The swallowing of a penny balloon

The suspect also wrote on LinkedIn that he was a “Promoter, booking agent Live entertainment, owner, choreographer.” His cousin, who declined to be identified, told NBC News that Sayoc was a “lost soul” whose brain was affected from taking steroids.

[The cousin told NBC](#) that Sayoc worked as a dancer and bouncer at strip clubs, telling the network, “He’s always been a little bit of a loose cannon. He’s always been a lost soul. Too many steroids in his day. That stuff will melt your brain.”

The Kali Sayoc school in New York condemned the crimes and [said in a statement](#) that it has no knowledge of Sayoc.

You can read more about Cesar Sayoc [here](#).

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