CPSO investigates alleged threat

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On Tuesday, February 20, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office was made aware of a post on Facebook regarding a possible threat at Northwood High School. The person posting the message alleged that a family member threatened to attempt a shooting at the school.

That information was investigated by the Caddo Sheriff's Office Patrol and Youth Services divisions on Tuesday night and was determined to be unfounded. All information will be turned over to the Caddo Parish School Board for additional follow up.

"Any threat to the safety of our students will be taken very seriously, and we will use every resource we have to investigate them," said Caddo Sheriff Steve Prator. "I encourage the public to speak up and let us know when they hear and see things that cause them concern. Students should remember that their school resource officers are an excellent liaison to the Sheriff's Office or Police Department and are always available to listen to their concerns."

Caddo Parish Public Schools officials are following the district's threat assessment protocol in accordance with the Board's policy as well as state law.

"We are grateful for the efforts of the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office in investigating these allegations and determining them to not be credible," said Dr. Lamar Goree, Superintendent of Caddo Schools. "We will continue to take every threat seriously and work with our law enforcement partners to investigate them thoroughly."