Authorities investigate fake threats targeting American schools

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Calls made about suspicious package threats at Northwood High School and Green Oaks Performing Arts Academy in Caddo Parish have been determined to be linked to dozens of other similar calls at schools across the nation, said Sheriff Steve Prator.

On Thursday, April 21, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office was notified about a call received by the Caddo 911 Center. The caller indicated seeing a suspicious package inside Northwood High School. CPSO deputies and Shreveport Fire Department's Bomb Squad quickly responded and found no such package.

Another similar call came in For Green Oaks but was also determined to be a hoax.

After further investigation, CPSO detectives said the call was traced back to an IP address in Ethiopia.

Dozens of other schools across the country received a similar call. Federal authorities have been notified.