

Oakland Co. Sheriffs investigate 3 bomb threats

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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is investigating three e-mail bomb threats in February that were addressed to administrators at three Rochester Hills high schools, police said.

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Capt. Robert Smith said the e-mails, which were sent Feb. 14, Feb. 19 and on Thursday, are likely linked to three similar threats in April, including one letter sent through the mail. All of the threats, he said, suggested that explosives would be used to do harm.

Smith said that in all of the cases, the sheriff's office responded and assessed each threat. He said police believe it's safe for the teens to continue going to school.

"We are taking the threats seriously and we've put preventative measures in place," Smith said.

He said that after the first three threats, the sheriff's office called on FBI profilers in Quantico, Va. to give insight about the author of the e-mails and letter. Smith wouldn't say what the profilers determined.

A \$5,000 reward is being offered by an anonymous citizen for tips that lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for the threats, Smith said. Anyone with information is asked to call 888-887-6146. Calls may be made anonymously.