

FBI says it faked AP story to catch bomb suspect

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The FBI is confirming it faked an Associated Press story to catch a bomb threat suspect in 2007.

But it says it did not spoof a Seattle Times web page as part of the investigation.

Both [news organizations](#) have objected to the FBI's actions.

Police in suburban Lacey, near Olympia, sought the FBI's help as repeated bomb threats prompted a week of evacuations at Timberline High School in June 2007.

Seattle FBI spokeswoman Ayn Dietrich says the FBI tricked the 15-year-old suspect into revealing the location and Internet address of his computer by sending a link for the fake AP article to a social media account associated with the threats.

Documents obtained by the Electronic Freedom Foundation suggested the bogus story was posted on a fake Seattle Times site, but Dietrich says that's wrong. Instead, she says an undercover agent sent the teen a hyperlink that simply said "article" and The Seattle Times was not referenced.

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