'Suspicious Package' At Cabrillo College Turns Out To Be Student Project

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APTOS, Calif. - The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office says a "suspicious package" found at Cabrillo College on Thursday turned out to be a student's project that was left behind.

Sheriff's spokeswoman April Skalland tells Central Coast News that the project was a package wrapped in newspaper. She says the student was trying to show how people can be environmentally friendly by using newspaper to wrap gifts.

The package was found outside a classroom on top of a trash receptacle on the upper campus around 10:30 a.m.

The school evacuated more than a thousand students in the upper campus area as a precaution. The evacuation was lifted a short time later, and classes resumed at 2 p.m.