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POKEMON VALENTINE LOLLIPOPS RECALLED; SOME CONTAIN METAL FRAGMENTS

The Westchester County Department of Health today announced that Pokemon Valentine Cards and Pops are being voluntarily recalled from the shelves of thousands of stores nationwide.

The voluntary recall by Sherwood Brands of Maryland was prompted by news reports on Thursday that what appeared to be metal fragments were found inside the Pokemon lollipops at the Kathleen Elementary School in Lakeland, Polk County, Florida.

The Polk County Sheriff said that one lollipop had what appeared to be a staple baked inside, according to The Associated Press. The candy is manufactured in China and is sold in packages of 10 and 30.

Dollar General, a chain of dollar stores in Florida, pulled the product from its store shelves on Thursday after a Florida woman told authorities she found a lollipop with a piece of metal inside it in a bag of these lollipops.

"Even if you didn't buy these lollipops for your children, you should check the candy they received from classmates for Valentine's Day to make sure they don't have them," said Dr. Joshua Lipsman, Westchester County Health Commissioner. "Fortunately, no children have been found to have consumed any of these lollipops that have contained metal, but the lollipops have been sold nationwide. If your children received the Pokemon lollipops, you should dispose of them. Consumers who purchased them can return them to the store where they bought them."