



## COMMUNITY AWARENESS BULLETIN

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Three incidents have been reported to the University of South Florida Police Department over the last four days that have caused concern within the community. Some social media sites have drawn incorrect connections between these incidents and that has resulted in the spread of mis-information that we would like to address.

On November 4, 2014, the USF Police Department received two calls from females that reported inappropriate personal contact by a male subject. The two incidents occurred within twenty minutes of each other, and in both cases the victims were approached from behind while walking outside on campus. The suspect in these cases was described as a white male with a dark complexion and dark hair, 5'7" tall, wearing jeans and a baseball cap. Neither incident resulted in injury. No attempt was made in either case to remove the complainant from the area.

On November 6, 2014, at approximately 8:35pm, the University of South Florida Police Department received a delayed report of an incident that occurred at approximately 7:35pm in the Cypress A residence hall. A student reported that an unknown male subject entered her room, grabbed her arm, and dragged her a short distance. The subject then fled in an unknown direction. The subject is described as a white male in his 20's, with brownish red hair and a beard. He was last seen wearing a blue v-neck short sleeve shirt and jeans.

There are significant differences in the descriptions of the suspects in the incidents reported on November 4<sup>th</sup> and the incident reported on November 6<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing to indicate that the most recent incident is related to the incidents reported on November 4<sup>th</sup>. USF Police detectives are actively investigating these cases. Additionally, the USF Police Department has increased patrols in the residential and high-population areas of campus.

Students are encouraged to remember the following safety tips:

- Be vigilant and keenly aware of the environment around you.
- Always keep your residence hall doors locked.
- Never allow anyone to follow you into a residence hall. All residents will have keys. Guests must be escorted.
- Notify the police if anyone or anything looks out of place.
- Report suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1 or by utilizing the Blue Light Emergency Phones.
- Utilize the RAVE Guardian personal safety timer system. <http://www.mobull.usf.edu/>
- Use the USF SAFE Team safety escort service when on campus. (974-SAFE)

Anyone having information regarding the suspects or incidents is requested to contact the University of South Florida Police Department at (813)974-2628.