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## USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

**DATE:** May 21, 2014

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**SUBJECT:** Fraud Alert/Personal Safety Reminder

**SYNOPSIS:**

The University of South Florida Police Department has received several reports regarding students allowing individuals to use their bank account and/or have access to their ATM card and PIN number. The suspects will approach a student and ask the student to use their account to deposit a check claiming that they don't have access to a bank account themselves and need to cash a check. They will then offer the student a ride to the ATM, and upon arrival deposit the stolen/fraudulent checks into the student's account and withdraw funds. Later these checks are determined to be stolen/fraudulent and the student suffers a financial loss.

Below are two photographs of suspects involved in the cases:



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It is unknown whether these two individuals are associated or working independently. The first suspect is a black male last seen driving a red Mazda SUV. The second suspect is a black female last seen driving a white SUV. Anyone having information about these individuals or similar occurrences is asked to contact the USF Police Department at (813)974-2628.

USFPD wants to remind our community members that they should never allow anyone to use their bank account as an intermediate means of obtaining funds. There is no legitimate reason for someone you don't know to approach you and ask for such assistance. Further, no one should EVER accept a ride from a stranger under these or any other circumstances. If approached by anyone asking to give you a ride or asking you to assist them with a financial transaction, refuse and leave the scene, then contact the USF Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

For further information please contact Lt. Charlotte Domingo at (813) 974-2859