

**USF POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MEDIA RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT:** Update: Strong Armed Robbery – USF Tampa Campus

On 11/15/2016, at approximately 9:15pm, officers from the University of South Florida Police Department responded to a report of a strong armed robbery (no weapons used) which occurred near the Interdisciplinary Science Building (ISA).

A USF female student alleges she was approached by two white males in their early 20's who reportedly took her jewelry. The USF Police investigators are conducting interviews with the victim and other potential witnesses in order to obtain addition information that may be useful in solving the case. According the victim, she was followed by two white male subjects while she was walking through the MLK Plaza area near ISA who engaged the victim in conversation. It was at this time that, her backpack was taken from her and her necklace fell to the ground as a result of the physical contact. All of the victim's property was recovered at the scene.

The USF Police also encourages you to please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- If you are out after dark, use only well-lit routes
- Be alert. Look around you. Be aware of others on the street. Make it difficult for anyone to take you by surprise
- Use the buddy system and travel in a group
- Know where to locate the address on the outside of every building you have a class in. Write it on your schedule. Use that information when reporting an emergency
- Know the locations of "Blue Light" emergency phones on campus
- Sign up for MoBull for emergency notifications
- Use the "SAFE Team" which provides free escort services to students 813-974-SAFE (7233)
- Students can also contact the Center for Victim Advocacy & Violence Prevention to express their concerns (813-974-5756).
- Students can report something anonymously using Eyewitness  
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