



Community Notification

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Fine Arts Property Investigation

In the afternoon of April 19, 2025, the University of South Florida Police Department was made aware of and located an empty gun case, some empty ammunition magazines, and a few additional personal items in the Fine Arts building on the Tampa campus. No firearms were found. We are actively working with local and federal law enforcement agencies to identify an owner of this property and to determine why it was on campus.

On Sunday, April 20, 2025, USFPD requested that two canine units from the Pasco County Sheriff's Office trained in detecting firearms search the USF Fine Arts building and adjacent areas. No firearms were located during that search. At this time, based on the current information, there is nothing to indicate a threat to campus.

Since last Thursday, in light of the events at Florida State University in Tallahassee, the USF Police Department has increased the law enforcement visibility throughout campus. In an abundance of caution, we will continue to do so.

We encourage everyone in the USF community to remain vigilant and to contact the USF Police Department if you hear or see anything that seems out of place.