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SUBJECT: Arrest of Absconded Sexual Predator from Illinois

Synopsis:

At approximately 3:00 a.m. on May 6, 2011, Officers G. Givens and B. George of the University of South Florida Police Department were conducting a patrol of the Greek Village complex of the USF Tampa campus. While in the complex they observed a male person walk into an unlit area beside the Kappa Delta sorority house. While there, the person crouched down and was peering into one of the lower windows. The officers confronted the individual, who verbally identified himself as Francis Patrick Nelson, a non-USF affiliate. Nelson explained to the officers that he was looking for someone, but could only provide a first name, and no last name or other contact information for the person. Nelson, who had no viable address, was unable to dispel the officers concerns and was arrested for the charge of Loitering or Prowling. He was transported to the Hillsborough County Central Booking facilities, where he remained on a \$250 bond. While Nelson remained incarcerated, members of the University of South Florida Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division continued efforts to verify Nelsons' identity. On May 13, 2011, the University of South Florida Police Department was notified of results from a fingerprint comparison, submitted by the Hillsborough County Sheriffs' Office, shortly after the arrest. The results revealed that the person arrested was not Francis Patrick Nelson, but instead was Jeremy Steven Cary, 27, an absconded sexual predator from Knox County, Illinois. Cary now faces an additional charge of Obstructing/Opposing an Officer through providing a false name to law enforcement officers. He is currently being held in Hillsborough County Jail awaiting extradition by U. S. Marshals.