



## Media Release

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### Report of Possible Armed Subject

On March 21, 2016, at 1:42 pm, the USF Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office received a third party report of a possible armed individual in the area of Fletcher Avenue, crossing the street from Florida Hospital Tampa onto the USF Campus. The individual was described as a black male, early 30's, wearing a tan trench coat and a green hat, possibly armed with a firearm. USF Police officers immediately responded and saturated the area. Deputies from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office also responded to the adjacent area immediately off campus and assisted in the search. No one matching the description has been located. No additional calls regarding the individual have been received. USF Police will continue to have an enhanced presence in the area.

Students, staff, faculty and visitors are encouraged to remember the following safety tips:

- Be vigilant and keenly aware of the environment around you.
- Notify the police if anyone or anything looks out of place.
- Report suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1.
- Use the USF SAFE Team safety escort service when on campus. (974-SAFE)

USF Police Detectives continue to investigate the incident. Anyone having information regarding the subject or this incident is requested to contact the University of South Florida Police Department at (813)974-2628.