

# USF POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**SUBJECT:** Battery on LEO / Resist Arrest with  
Violence / Possession of Marijuana

Today, at approximately 11:00 AM, University of South Florida Police Officers responded to a disturbance call at the Embassy Suites Hotel located at 3705 Spectrum Boulevard in Tampa, Florida; which is part of the jurisdiction patrolled by the USF Police to keep the community safe. The call was made by Haley Nichole Kyzer, 19, who reported that she was attacked by Esteban Andre Oliveras Rovira, 18, following an argument. Neither Kyzer nor Rovira are affiliated with USF in any way but shared a room at the hotel after meeting a few days prior.

Kyzer, alleged that Rovira used a chair to hit her across the back. When officers arrived to the hotel, the suspect fled on foot and a chase ensued.

During the chase, Rovira jumped a hedge and was pursued by a USF police officer. Both Rovira and the officer landed on the ground. A brief struggle ensued during which Rovira physically engaged the officer. The officer was able to free himself from Rovira and deployed his Taser, bringing Rovira under control. Both Rovira and the officer sustained minor scrapes as a result of the incident.

Esteban Rovira was arrested on the charges Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Simple Battery, Resisting Arrest with Violence, and Possession of Marijuana and booked into the Orient Road Jail. His bond was set at \$5,000. A search of the suspect's backpack revealed a small amount of marijuana.

The victim was transported to the hospital for the minor marks to her back.