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USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

DATE:

March 16, 2012

CONTACT:

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SUBJECT:

Arrest –Burglary / Battery / Possession of Marijuana

Synopsis:

On March 14, 2012 at approximately 6:30 p.m. University of South Florida police officers responded to 4101 USF Apple Drive, in the area of parking lot 1, regarding a disturbance. USF student Omar A. Samaha, 21, of Tampa reported that he was seated in his vehicle when he became involved in a verbal exchange with a man standing beside the vehicle. During the exchange, the suspect opened door to the vehicle and allegedly struck Samaha in the head multiple times. After a brief physical altercation the suspect fled the area. Officers located the suspect near the area of USF Fine Arts where he was taken into custody. Daniel Andre McKenzie, 22, a USF Burger King employee, was charged with the crimes of Burglary with Assault or Battery, Battery, and Possession of Marijuana. McKenzie, was transported to Hillsborough County Central Booking facilities where he is being held on \$3000 bond.