USF POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: **Strong Armed Robbery – USF Tampa Campus**

On November 15, 2016, at approximately 9:15 p.m., officers from the University of South Florida Police Department responded to a report of a strong armed robbery (no weapons used) which occurred near the Interdisciplinary Science Building (ISA).

A female USF student alleged she was approached by two white males in their early 20's who reportedly took her jewelry as she was walking from the MLK Plaza area near ISA. According to the victim, the two male subjects engaged her in conversation, then took her backpack from her and her necklace fell to the ground as a result of the physical contact. All of the victim's property was recovered at the scene.

During a follow up interview with USF Police detectives on November 16, 2016, the victim, Fatou Gueye, 19, a USF student, admitted that she falsely reported the crime and no robbery occurred. Gueye is part of a group of four students who recently reported receiving threatening messages inside their USF residence hall rooms on Election Night. The investigation into that incident continues.

Gueye has been charged with filing a false police report and was taken to the Hillsborough County Jail.