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Community Notification

Alert: 2021-001

Case #: USF21OFF000036

Date of Alert: January 26, 2021

Offense: Burglary & Grand Theft Arrest

Synopsis: The University of South Florida Police Department (USFPD) received notification on January 26 at approximately 4:45 a.m. from USF Golf Course employees of a suspect stealing a golf cart full of equipment. The suspect tried to flee the scene in the golf cart then exited the cart and concealed himself under brush in an adjacent swamp. Officers gave commands for the suspect to exit the waters but he refused. Officers requested the assistance of Hillsborough County SO (HCSO) air and K-9 units. The suspect was located by HCSO air and K-9 and arrested. During the arrest, the suspect sustained injuries to his hands and arms and was taken to Advent Health to be medically cleared.

USF Police has charged Kenneth Barton with Burglary and Grand Theft. He will be booked into Orient Road Jail once he is cleared. More charges may be pending from HCSO.



The incident is still under investigation. Anyone having information regarding the incident is asked to contact the USF Police Department at (813) 974-TIPS (8477) or the main number at 813-974-2628.

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