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Updated COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

For Immediate Release: July 11, 2018

The USF Police Department has identified Matthew Phillip Johnson, a 30-year-old white male, of Clearwater, as a suspect in the July 8 instance of indecent exposure occurring near Juniper-Poplar Hall. Investigators, examining occurrences from previous years, have linked Johnson to another incident occurring on March 25, 2017. Information from both of these investigations was referred to the State Attorney's Office for review and determination if Johnson will be formally charged under Florida Statute 800.03. The University of South Florida Police Department has issued a trespass order which restricts Johnson from entering all USF System properties.

USF Police Chief, Chris Daniel, points to the success generated from the collaborative efforts of the police department, the USF community and citizens who were willing to become involved. Local media support was instrumental in bringing this situation to public awareness, which has resulted in an influx of tips that are being analyzed in this ongoing investigation to determine if additional charges will follow.

USF Police officers continue to patrol the campus and surrounding areas in a highly-visible fashion. We encourage students to walk in groups or pairs or use the SAFE Team (974-SAFE) for an escort on campus from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Safety is all of our responsibility.

Anyone having information about this investigation, or incidents of a similar nature, are encouraged to contact the University of South Florida Police Department, Criminal Investigations Section at (813) 974-2628.

Previous Releases:

Tampa, FL; July 9, 2018 - The USF Police Department has identified a person of interest in this case. This is an ongoing investigation and cannot release specific details at this time. We will send out a notification once more information can be shared.

We are confident we have identified the person involved and would like to express our gratitude to the local news media, our campus community and the surrounding community for your assistance.

Kudos to the individual who was vigilant enough to send us a picture.

We continue to encourage students to walk in groups or pairs. If you are unable to pair up, students can call our SAFE Team (974-SAFE) for an escort on campus from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Tampa, FL; July 8, 2018 - On Sunday July 8, 2018, at approximately 8:18 p.m., the University of South Florida Police Department received notification of a white male subject who had exposed himself on the Northeast side of Juniper-Poplar Hall.

The USF Police initiated an investigation and searched the area, however, were unable to find the suspect. The suspect is described as a white male, with glasses, 30-40 years of age, dark brown balding hair and a beard, wearing a blue shirt and dark blue shorts. This is an active criminal investigation.

Anyone having information regarding the incident or who may recognize this individual is requested to contact the USF Police Department (813) 974-2628.