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COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Monday, October 12, 2015

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Officers quickly began a systematic search of the area and confirmed that bullets struck the exterior of a nearby residence hall. Police identified the suspect as a USF student and located him inside his room in the nearby residence hall. Upon making contact with the student he was taken into custody without incident, and the gun belonging to the student was secured. There is no evidence that any individual or individuals were targeted.

The student was arrested and charged with shooting into an occupied dwelling, and discharge of a firearm on school property — two second-degree felonies. He was transported to the Hillsborough County Jail, where he was held on \$32,500 bond.

Officers confirmed that the incident was isolated and there was no present threat to the USF community. On-campus residents were notified of the incident following the suspect's arrest via an e-mailed community notification through the USF Police Department. A press release was sent to news media, and information was shared via USF social media channels. Per USF emergency procedures, a MoBull alert was not sent by police because they had determined the situation did not represent an immediate threat.

The safety of the USF community is of paramount importance in any situation on campus. We are grateful for the quick response of our USF police officers and that no students or other members of the USF community were harmed during the course of this incident.

The USF Police Department encourages the following safety tips:

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