COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION- UPDATE

On January 12, 2016, at approximately 12:00pm, USFPD Detectives arrested Joe Aoj Carter B/M 11/25/89 for misdemeanor battery in connection with the incident reported to the USFPD on January 9, 2016. The defendant is a former USF student. After the Community Notification was sent out, housing staff recognized the description as Mr. Carter and notified the Police. He was transported to the Hillsborough County Jail for processing.

On January 9, 2016, at approximately 4:00pm the University of South Florida Police Department received information in regards to a battery that had just occurred in USF Parking Lot #53, within the USF Greek Village. An unknown black male approached a female student while she was unpacking her vehicle. The suspect asked where he could buy an umbrella and while she began providing him directions to the USF Bookstore, he wrapped his arms around her waist and kissed her on the cheek. The female turned and attempted to run away and he grabbed her again by the waist before letting go and running away. The suspect then fled south towards the USF Greek pool. Officers with the University of South Florida Police Department searched the area but were unable to locate the subject.

The description of the suspect is: black male, dark complexion, in his 20’s, 5’9”- 6’0” in height, slim build, dark framed square prescription glasses, no facial hair, short shaved hair, and a blue flannel long sleeve shirt with dark pants.

Students are encouraged to remember the following safety tips:

- Be sure to lock your doors and secure your belongings.
- Be vigilant and keenly aware of the environment around you.
- Notify the police if anyone or anything looks out of place.
- Report suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1.
- Use the USF SAFE Team safety escort service when on campus. (974-SAFE)

Anyone having information regarding the suspect or the incident is requested to contact the University of South Florida Police Department at (813)974-2628.

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