COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
January 27, 2017

The University of South Florida Police Department responded to a reported incident involving a Christopher Levins, who recently came on the USF Tampa campus to meet a female student whom he met over the Internet. Levins is known to have a history of impersonating police officers and first responders. He was dressed in a white “polo” style shirt with a red embroidered emblem on the left chest, black slacks and black boots. Levins was also wearing a radio earpiece-similar to that worn by law enforcement personnel. Levins, also uses social media and social media apps to lure and impress women by claiming to be a law enforcement professional. The female student was not harmed during her encounters with Levins, but decided to contact the USF Police because Levins’ actions and demeanor seemed suspicious.

Once the USF Police was able to further identify Levins, it was discovered that Levins was on probation and also in violation of his probation. This afternoon, the USF Police received notification from the Florida Probation and Patrol that Levins has been taken into custody. If anyone has any information about Levins and/or have had similar experiences with other individuals, please contact Detective Pearson with the USF Police at (813)974-2628.

In order to maintain a safe campus environment, the USF Police encourages our campus community members to be aware of suspicious activities and contribute to the safety of our campus by reporting suspicious activities to the police department.

Students are encouraged to remember the following safety tips:

- Do not engage with a person who is acting suspiciously
- Notify the police if anyone or anything looks out of place
- Report suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1
- Be prepared to provide police with a description of the subject such as the following: gender, race, approximate age, approximate weight & height, hair color
& length, clothing type and other noticeable features (*glasses, scars, tattoos, dental features, etc.*)

- Be vigilant and keenly aware of the environment around you
- Use the USF SAFE Team safety escort service when on campus (974-SAFE)