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Community Notification

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Attempted Sexual Battery

On Friday, December 20, 2024, at approximately 8:30 a.m., the University of South Florida Police Department received a call from the Tampa Police Department about an incident that occurred earlier in the day at approximately 6 a.m. A female, who is unaffiliated with the university, reported having been physically assaulted by an unknown Black male near a bus stop on the western perimeter of the Tampa campus along Bruce B. Downs Blvd.

The victim fought back, and the assailant disengaged and fled on foot away from campus. No injuries were reported.

A thorough search for the suspect was conducted, but he was not located. This appears to be an isolated incident without a lingering threat to campus. At the victim's request, she was provided medical treatment.

If you have any information on this incident that may help the investigation, please call the USFPD non-emergency number at 813-974-2628.

Need Assistance:

If you are experiencing a crisis and need assistance, call the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay at 813-264-9961 (8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).