USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

DATE:

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SUBJECT:

USFPD Arrests Three Suspects Involved in Burglary Incident

On October 20, 2010 at approximately 2:00 a.m., while on routine patrol, University of South Florida Police Officers observed John William Wells in a residence hall parking area pulling on door handles of vehicles. Additional officers responding to the scene located two other participants (Izaiah Kingston Pillot and Kenneth Lee Gilbert) in an adjacent area of the parking lot. Through their investigation of the circumstances, the officers were able to determine that Wells, Pillot, and Gilbert burglarized at least three vehicles and removed electronics and other property from within. Over \$1000 in stolen property was contained in a vehicle driven by Gilbert, which was also parked nearby. The property was recovered by officers, who are in the process of returning the items to the rightful owners.

At approximately 4:00 a.m. officers were notified by USFPD dispatch that two laptop computers had been removed from a room the Castor residence hall earlier in the night. Additional investigation revealed that Pillot, allegedly entered an unoccupied room in Castor residence hall and removed the computers without the owners' permission or knowledge. The laptop computers, valued in excess of \$1500, were located a short distance away from the victims' room, in a room assigned to John Wells. All three suspects were arrested and transported to the Orient Road jail on the following charges:

John William Wells 13630 Diamond Head Drive Tampa, FL 33624

Loitering and Prowling Burglary of an unoccupied conveyance Grand Theft Possession of marijuana (less than 20 grams)

Kenneth Lee Gilbert 16006 Piddlin Pond Lane Tampa, FL 33618

Loitering and Prowling Burglary of an unoccupied conveyance Grand Theft Possession of burglary tools Possession of marijuana with intent to sell within 100 feet of a college /university

Izaiah Kingston Pillot 4803 E. Linebaugh Avenue Tampa, FL 33617

Loitering and Prowling Burglary of an unoccupied conveyance Burglary of an unoccupied residence Grand Theft (3 counts) Possession of marijuana (less than 20 grams)

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