



USF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Suspicious Device in USF Library

Synopsis:

TAMPA - On December 7, 2011 at approximately 12:00pm the University of South Florida Police Department (USFPD) was notified of a suspicious object located in a box which had been donated to the USF Library - Special Collections Section. The object appeared to be an antique war relic from the WW1 or WW2 era, but personnel were unable to determine if the object had been rendered safe. Measures were taken to ensure the safety of those in the area during which USFPD officers evacuated three floors of the library until the potential of the item could be further assessed. Tampa Police Department's Explosives Disposal Unit responded to assist, and around 1:40 pm removed the device from the library for further examination, while personnel from the Tampa Fire Department stood by. After removal of the device all floors in the library returned to normal business activity. The device, which was later determined to be live, was detonated by Tampa Police Department's Explosives Unit at an isolated location, pursuant to their protocol for destruction.

