The University Police (UPD) was notified of an attempted robbery (“purse snatching”) that occurred on Monday, August 24th at about 6 pm. The victim, a USFSP employee, was walking on the sidewalk across from Harbor Hall near the intersection of 3rd Street and 11th Avenue.

The suspect who was riding a bicycle approached and attempted to grab the victim’s purse. After a brief exchange, the victim yelled and the suspect fled on his bicycle. The incident was reported to the St. Petersburg Police, who are investigating.

The suspect was described as a male, black, 18-25 years of age, 5’8”, thin build, dark hair sticking up, wearing dark shorts with a white stripe, no shirt and riding a light colored bicycle.

If you have any additional information please contact the University Police at 727-873-4140 or police@usfsp.edu.

As always, be alert to your surroundings and immediately report any suspicious persons or incidents to the police. Whenever possible, you should walk together as a group.