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SUBJECT: Fraud Alert/Personal Safety Reminder

SYNOPSIS:

The University of South Florida Police Department has received several reports regarding students allowing individuals to use their bank account and/or have access to their ATM card and PIN number. The suspects will approach a student and ask the student to use their account to deposit a check claiming that they don't have access to a bank account themselves and need to cash a check. They will then offer the student a ride to the ATM, and upon arrival deposit the stolen/fraudulent checks into the student's account and withdraw funds. Later these checks are determined to be stolen/fraudulent and the student suffers a financial loss.

Below are two photographs of suspects involved in the cases:



