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Sunset Park Porker Has A Partner Pig

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TAMPA - The Sunset Park Porker remains on the lam. And it may not be alone.

The pig, which has turned more than one south Tampa lawn into a pigsty, appears to have a ``pen" pal.

``I would just like them to be caught so I don't have to hear my dad complain about them anymore," said Gloria Anderson, who spotted two pigs Saturday night.

A porcine prowler scours their front lawn, often late at night. Last month, it rooted up about 1,000 square feet of yard, perhaps looking for bugs to eat, said Anderson's father, Marlin.

The pig that originally came to the lawn was white with a dark brown ``saddle" covering its back and torso, he said. Now, there's a black pig with a white saddle.

He photographed a pig Sunday night, but the image couldn't be developed.

``He grunted when he heard the click of the camera. And then he left," Anderson said. ``It upset him and he didn't come back for a while."

Anderson saw the black and white pig again Wednesday night.

Some people come to his property to observe The Porker, some to catch it.

Two Town 'N Country men tried to lasso the squealer last week. But the pig can fly.

``He ran so fast," Anderson said.

Police Officer Michael Boots said the black and white pig weighed about 30 pounds when he saw it two months ago. It's about 80 pounds now, but still too fast for police.

``They're going to have to trap him, tranquilize him or shoot him," Boots said.

Officer Kevin Kirk said the pig is smart.

``It's like a crack dealer. It runs as soon as it sees the police."

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