

**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2023

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN ROBERT OSTERLAND ^{RO}
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Steven Lewis, #59561, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-021:

1. Forty (40) hour Suspension to be served on:

December 4, 2023 (11.5 hours), December 5, 2023 (11.5 hours), December 8, 2023 (11.5 hours), and December 9, 2023 (5.5 hours).

DISTRIBUTION:

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Chief Deputy Paul Halle
Assistant Chief Deputy Dave Danzig
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Purchasing-Uniform Supply
Deputy Steven Lewis

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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: **NOVEMBER 17, 2023**

TO: **DEPUTY STEVEN LEWIS, #59561**

FROM: **SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

SUBJECT: **CHARGES RE: AI-23-021**

An investigation has been conducted by the Administrative Investigation Division, Professional Standards Bureau, of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. As a result of this investigation, the Administrative Review Board has determined you committed the following violation.

On, but not limited to, August 29, 2023, while on duty in Pinellas County, Florida, you violated the Pinellas County Sheriff's Civil Service Act Laws of Florida, 89-404 as amended by Laws of Florida 08-285, Section 6, Subsection 4, by violating the provisions of law or the rules, regulations, and operating procedures of the Office of the Sheriff.

1. You violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office General Order 3-1.1, Rule and Regulation 5.4, Duties and Responsibilities.

Synopsis: On August 29, 2023, you failed to report to the Pinellas County Jail during Hurricane Idalia as directed by supervision. You failed to comply with your supervisors' instructions, informing them that you needed to make hurricane preparations.

Before your shift on that date, you contacted a sergeant and told them you were taking sick leave, even though sick leave cannot be utilized by policy for the reason you provided. The sergeant gave you a direct order to report to work and you refused to do so.


During your administrative interview, you testified that you were aware your position was considered essential and that you were aware there would be consequences for failing to report to work as directed.

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Five Rules and Regulations violation totaling fifty (50) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in fifty (50) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is a forty (40) hours Suspension to Termination.

Disciplinary action shall be consistent with progressive discipline, for cause in accordance with the provisions of the Pinellas County Civil Service Act.



COLONEL PAUL CAREY
DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 11/30/2023

Time 0827 Hours



SIGNATURE

BG:AMH:blb