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

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2017

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY RW

Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: AI-16-029 SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Christopher Hollin, #56441, will receive the following as a result of AI-16-029:

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

February 19, 22, and 23, 2017 (11.5 hours/day) and February 27, 2017 (5.5 hours/day).

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PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

JANUARY 30, 2017

TO:

DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER HOLLIN, #56441

FROM:

SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-16-029

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 violations:

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: While assigned to the Department of Detention and Corrections, it was determined, based on evidence and testimony, that you neglected your assigned duties and responsibilities.

You acknowledged that while on duty, you participated in multiple incidents of unauthorized activity including yourself and other Pinellas County Sheriff's Office members, assigned to the Department of Detention and Corrections.

This prohibited activity was recreational and included games, idling, loafing, sleeping, and wrestling. This activity was, through witness testimony, defined as "horseplay" and "joking." In one specific incident you acknowledged that, based on this unauthorized activity, your safety was placed in jeopardy.

It was determined that this conduct, on at least one occasion, was witnessed by a deputy recruit and in other instances occurred in areas visible to Pinellas County Jail inmates. It was established through testimony, that on at least one occasion, an inmate confronted a staff member, inquiring reference the unauthorized conduct that you were involved in, which was, wrestling.

All unauthorized activity occurred within the Pinellas County Jail during your assigned work hours. All unauthorized incidents were recorded, via photograph or video, through the cellular phone of another agency member.

While engaged in this activity, which occurred on numerous occasions through an extended period of time, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office duties and responsibilities were neglected.

You acknowledged that this activity was "all fun and games" and that it was a lapse in judgement.

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level 5 Rule/Regulation totaling fifty (50) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in fifty (50) progressive discipline points. In accordance with agency policy, the recommended discipline range is from five (5) days 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 HALLE

DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS

FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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