

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2020

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *Rw*
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Christopher Amatruda, #59301, will receive the following as a result of AI-19-024:

1. Eighty (80) hours Suspension.
2. Reinstate twenty-four (24) hours Suspension from previously substantiated discipline to be served on:

February 17, 2020 (12 hrs.), February 18, 2020 (12 hrs.), February 21, 2020 (12 hrs.),
February 22, 2020 (12 hrs.), March 2, 2020 (12 hrs.), March 3, 2020 (12 hrs.),
March 6, 2020 (12 hrs.), March 7, 2020 (12 hrs.) and March 17, 2020 (8 hrs.).

(Previously substantiated discipline: Written Reprimand. Twenty-four (24) hrs. Suspension, with twenty-four (24) hrs. suspended. Suspension will be reinstated if there is any sustained discipline within a one year period from October 18, 2019).

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2020

TO: DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER AMATRUDA, #59301

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-19-024

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, November 27, 2019, 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 on duty, and assigned to the Patrol Operations Bureau, North District Station front desk, it was determined, based on evidence and testimony, that you engaged in activity in violation of your assigned duties and responsibilities.

While assigned to the front desk, your primary responsibilities include: assisting visitors, answering public requests, taking reports and assisting with building security. Deputies assigned to the front desk should be aware that they may be the first agency member a citizen meets and should conduct themselves in a professional manner.

While on duty and assigned to the North District Station front desk, you reclined in your chair, placing your feet on another chair. You placed your head back and your eyes were closed. You acknowledged you were sleeping. You were recorded on camera in this position for the majority of 49 minutes.

You admitted to this violation.

Previously substantiated discipline:

- AI-18-035: In this case, you were found to be in violation of General Order 3-1.1, Rule and Regulation 5.4, Duties and Responsibilities.
 - You located a stolen vehicle and attempted to effect a traffic stop, however, the vehicle fled. You turned off your emergency equipment, but continued to pursue the vehicle until the driver stopped and fled on foot.
 - You acknowledged you engaged in pursuit of the vehicle on the aforementioned roadways which was unauthorized and in violation of policy, as the vehicular pursuit did not involve a forcible felony, an imminent and/or continuous threat, or any extremely dangerous driving.
 - You received a five (5) days Suspension, reduced to two (2) days under Education Based Discipline (EBD) - Pursuit Policy Review with a Supervisor.

- AI-19-018: In this case, you were found to be in violation of General Order 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.13, Prohibited Activity on Duty.
 - You were attending the 2019 Symposium on Traffic Safety at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel. Instead of attending the symposium, you went to the pool and consumed an alcoholic beverage with other attending Deputies during training hours.
 - You received a three (3) days Suspension, reduced to a Written Reprimand. Sheriff Gualtieri annotated the three (3) days Suspension will be reinstated if there is any sustained discipline within a one (1) year period.

Within the previous year, you have had two (2) SUBSTANTIATED level five violations and one (1) SUBSTANTIATED level three violation. Previous progressive discipline points are retained and count toward this disciplinary action.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Five Rule/Regulation, totaling fifty (50) points. This point total, affected by thirty (30) carryover points from previous discipline, resulted in eighty (80) progressive discipline points. In accordance with agency policy, this point total reverts to seventy five (75) points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is a ten (10) day 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.

Major D.K.

MAJOR DENNIS KOMAR
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

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