

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

**DATE:** JUNE 1, 2020

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION

**FROM:** CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *RW*  
Professional Standards Bureau

**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy David Rueth, #57556, will receive the following as a result of AI-19-020:

1. Twenty-four (24) hours Suspension to be served on:  
June 8, 2020 (11.5 hours), June 9, 2020 (11.5 hours) and June 12, 2020 (1 hour).
2. Fitness for Duty Evaluation.

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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
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**DATE: MAY 29, 2020**

**TO: DEPUTY DAVID RUETH, #57556**

**FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

**SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-19-020**

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:

Between, but not limited to, September 27, 2019, and September 28, 2019, while off duty in Hernando 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 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.1, Standard of Conduct:

On two (2) separate dates, you were involved in a domestic dispute with your wife. These incidents were investigated by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. As a result, probable cause was developed and you were arrested for two (2) counts of Domestic Battery.

Your arrest, as a result of these incidents, brought discredit to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

You admitted to this violation.

2. You violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office General Order 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.3, Knowledge of, and Obedience to, Laws, Rules and Regulations:

During the first of these domestic disputes, while involved in an altercation with your wife, you admitted you pushed your wife using your left hand, striking her in the face. This physical contact resulted in visible bruising to her left cheek.

Regarding the second of these domestic disputes, while arguing with your wife, you admitted to aggressively advancing toward her, and pushing her with enough force to cause her to lose her balance. This physical contact did not result in any visible bruising or injury.

During both domestic violence incidents, you admitted you had been consuming alcohol, you were in a “rage,” and you committed these acts due to anger.

The Administrative Review Board determined you committed this violation.

Previously substantiated discipline:

- AI-13-018: In this case, you were found to be in violation of General Order 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.3, Knowledge of, and Obedience to, laws and Rules and Regulations, and General Order 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.1, Standard of Conduct.
  - In this investigation, your wife called 9-1-1 and summoned law enforcement. She reported she and you engaged in an argument. You became enraged and pursued her. During her retreat, you raised your fist toward her as a threat, and with the apparent ability to strike her. Following the criminal investigation, you were arrested for Simple Assault – Domestic. During the Subject Interview, you stated you were “drunk at the time” of the assault admission to the deputies. During the Administrative Review Board, you stated, due to your level of intoxication that night, you had no memory of the assault itself.
  - This investigation revealed alcohol and your lack of anger management skills as contributing factors to the incident. This investigation resulted in you receiving an 8 hour Suspension.

This is your second time, since employed with the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, you have been arrested for domestic violence.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of two (2) Level Three violations totaling 25 points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in 25 progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from a one (1) day to five (5) days Suspension.

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

*Colonel Sean McGillen 3624*

COLONEL SEAN MC GILLEN  
DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 1 June 2020

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*Alan D. Kelly #57556*  
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