


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

DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2022

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY 
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Bradley Leffingwell, #58757, will receive the following as a result of AI-22-022:

1. An eight (8) hour Suspension, reduced by Education Based Discipline, is amended to a Written Reprimand

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

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2022

TO: DEPUTY BRADLEY LEFFINGWELL, #58757

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-22-022

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, September 20, 2022, 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 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.31(c), Inappropriate Conduct by Members of the Agency - Careless Handling of Firearms.

Synopsis: On September 20, 2022, you responded to a residence in Pinellas County to take custody of a firearm being surrendered under a Risk Protection Order (RPO). The firearm was a .22 caliber North American Arm Corporation revolver, and upon initial inspection, you believed you were familiar with this type of firearm. You picked up the firearm, intending to clear the three (3) rounds of ammunition to make the firearm safe for transport. However, during further inspection, you realized you did not know how to make the firearm safe. As you started to set the firearm down, you unintentionally discharged a round of ammunition into a wall inside the residence. There were no injuries as a result of this incident.

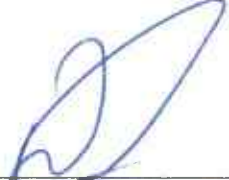
During the Administrative Review Board, you testified, "It's my responsibility if I pick up a weapon, especially with knowledge that it's loaded, to handle that with due care and not have it discharge." However, you stated you were not careless with the firearm.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Three Rules and Regulations violation totaling fifteen (15) points. These points, which were affected by no points from previous discipline,

resulted in fifteen (15) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from a Reprimand to a twenty-four (24) hour Suspension.

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

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MAJOR DENNIS GARVEY
INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 12/7/22

Time 0921 hours

 #58757

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BG:SLT