


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

**DATE:** AUGUST 14, 2023  
**TO:** DISTRIBUTION  
**FROM:** CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY   
Professional Standards Bureau  
**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy David Franco, #60584, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-012:

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

August 16, 2023 (11.5 hours), August 17, 2023 (11.5 hours), August 21, 2023 (11.5 hours) and August 22, 2023 (5.5 hours).

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri  
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Purchasing-Uniform Supply  
Deputy David Franco

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

**DATE: JULY 28, 2023**

**TO: DEPUTY DAVID FRANCO, #60584**

**FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

**SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-23-012**

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, April 18, 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 April 18, 2023, while you were on duty as a detention deputy at the Pinellas County Jail, you were responsible for conducting 30-minute well-being checks on Delta Wing. These checks required you to enter the pods and ensure the health and safety of each inmate. At 2122 hours, an inmate housed in a single-cell attached a sheet to the inner portion of their cell gate. The sheet fully covered the gate and the view into their cell was completely obstructed. Inmates are not permitted to hang anything from their cell gate. At 2150 hours, 2251 hours and 2324 hours you conducted well-being checks within the pod. During those three consecutive well-being checks, you took no action to correct the inmate's complete obstruction of view into the cell, nor did you attempt to verbally engage the inmate to check on their welfare.

At 2350 hours, another staff member entered the pod to complete a well-being check. They immediately responded to the inmate's cell and removed the sheet. Upon removing the sheet, it was discovered the inmate had hanged himself. The inmate was later pronounced deceased. Your neglect in addressing the obstruction of the cell gate delayed the discovery of the inmate's suicide.


During your Administrative Interview, you admitted the sheet was clearly visible to you, but you were unable to provide a specific reason as to why you did not address it. You testified your inaction was not due to a lack of training or understanding of your responsibilities.

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) hour 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.

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

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