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

DATE: DECEMBER 29, 2021

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY

Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Flor De Maria Yrigoyen, #59526, will receive the following as a result of AI-21-010:

1. A forty (40) hours Suspension, reduced by Education Based Discipline, is amended to a twenty-four (24) hours Suspension to be served on:

December 30, 2021 (11.5 hours), January 3, 2022 (11.5 hours) and January 4, 2022 (1 hour).

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PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2021

TO: DEPUTY FLOR DE MARIA YRIGOYEN, #59526

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-21-010

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, July 17, 2021, 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: Your failure to properly handle and retain your issued less-lethal shotgun resulted in the weapon falling into a secure portion of the Echo Recreation Yard, while inmates were present.

On July 17, 2021, you were assigned to the 1F Floor of South Division at the Pinellas County Jail and were on post at the Echo Recreation Yard Tower. While on post you leaned the less-lethal shotgun against the northern railing of the recreation tower and sat in a chair in the northeast corner overlooking the recreation yard. You did not have physical control of the less-lethal shotgun at this time and it was within inches of a gap between two railings.

As you stood up from your chair, your left leg made contact with the less-lethal shotgun, which resulted in the weapon falling through the gap between the railings. The less-lethal shotgun fell through the razor wire and into a fenced-in portion of the recreation yard. You ordered the inmates present to avoid the area where the weapon had fallen and summoned another deputy to meet with you at the recreation yard. While summoning the other deputy, you did not request an emergency response, nor convey that a less-lethal shotgun had fallen into the recreation yard. Responding deputies were eventually able to retrieve the weapon from the secure area.

During your Administrative Review Board, you admitted your responsibilities included maintaining the safety and security of the facility and that this situation could have potentially been dangerous for other deputies.

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 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 CAREY

DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS

FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

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