

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

**DATE:** JULY 26, 2019

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION

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

**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Investigative Analyst Melissa Pettibone, #54814, will receive the following as a result of AI-19-007:

1. Eight (8) hours Suspension to be served on:  
August 02, 2019.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri  
Chief Deputy Dan Simovich  
Assistant Chief Deputy Sean Jowell  
Assistant Chief Deputy George Steffen  
Colonel Dave Danzig  
Major Stefanie Campbell  
Major Bill Hagans  
Major Paul Halle  
Major Sean McGillen  
Major Larry Nalven  
Lieutenant Deanna Carey  
Director Jennifer Crockett  
Director Nancy Duggan  
Director Susan Krause  
Director Jason Malpass  
Shannon Lockheart, General Counsel  
Payroll  
Purchasing-Uniform Supply  
Melissa Pettibone

RW/kmm

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

**DATE:** JULY 26, 2019

**TO:** INVESTIGATIVE ANALYST MELISSA PETTIBONE, #54814

**FROM:** SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

**SUBJECT:** CHARGES RE: AI-19-007

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, February 2017 to March 22, 2019, while on and off 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 3.38, Associating with Criminals.

Synopsis: In February of 2017, you met and began a relationship with a subject who was previously convicted of Trafficking in Stolen Property, a felony of the second degree. The subject was released from Florida Department of Corrections custody in 2014 after serving a sixteen month sentence.

You testified the subject informed you of his felony conviction and Florida Department of Corrections incarceration between February and June of 2017.

You testified the relationship was intimate until June of 2017. You testified you remained in a close friendship with the subject between June of 2017 and March of 2019. You testified you spent time with the subject at the movies, restaurants, the beach and at your residence.

Although you testified you weren't aware the conviction was for a felony of the second degree, you acknowledged you were aware of a felony conviction, the time the subject spent in prison, and the fact that the association was a violation of agency policy.

You admitted to this violation.

2. You violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office General Order 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.18, Unauthorized Use of Automated Systems.


Synopsis: Between February 10, 2017 and August 21, 2018, you completed seven (7) queries in automated systems on the subject. You conducted one (1) query in SOPICS, one (1) query in ACISS, one (1) query in the Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX), and four (4) queries in the Florida Driver and Vehicle Information Database (D.A.V.I.D.). The queries in the automated systems served no legitimate law enforcement purpose.

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of two (2) Level Three Rules and Regulations violations totaling twenty-five (25) points. These points which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in twenty-five (25) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from 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.

 57400 07/26/19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY GEORGE STEFFEN  
CHIEF DEPUTY OFFICE  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 7-26-2019

Time 10:50

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE