

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

DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN ROBERT OSTERLAND ¹²⁰
Professional Standards Division

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Michael Garasic, #56838, will receive the following as a result of AI 26-016:

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

October 5, 2026 (11.5 hours), October 6, 2026 (11.5 hours), November 2, 2026 (11.5 hours), and November 3, 2026 (5.5 hours).

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

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**

TO: **DEPUTY MICHAEL GARASIC, #56838**

FROM: **SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

SUBJECT: **CHARGES RE: AI 26-016**

An investigation has been conducted by the Administrative Investigations Section, Professional Standards Division, of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. As a result of this investigation, the Administrative Review Board has determined that you committed the following violation:

On, but not limited to, June 8, 2026, 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: As the assigned housing deputy to 2C2, one of your fundamental responsibilities was to conduct a pat-down search of every inmate entering or exiting the housing area before the inmate continued to another destination. This routine security measure was required each time an inmate entered or left the housing unit. Your responsibilities also included ensuring every inmate possessed a jail identification card, that the card was properly displayed on the front of the inmate's shirt with the photograph facing outward, and that inmates leaving the housing area were properly wearing their identification cards. You were also responsible for verifying an inmate's identity and ensuring a replacement identification card was issued when necessary.

On June 8, 2026, while assigned to 2C2, you allowed an inmate being released from custody to leave the housing unit without performing the required pat-down search. The inmate advised you that he did not have his jail identification card. You allowed the inmate to leave the housing unit without conducting the required pat-down search. You also failed to document the missing identification card in JIMS or take further action to verify the inmate's statement that the card had been lost. Although the inmate stated that he lost the card in the elevator, you did not contact Second Floor Control, Pre-Housing/Pre-Release, or another member to verify that information or determine when the card became missing.

You provided the inmate's Face Sheet to the escorting deputy and allowed him to continue through the release process. You did not advise control or other personnel that you had not completed the required pat-down search. The inmate subsequently completed the release process and left the

Pinellas County Jail in possession of an inmate identification card, a Smart Communications tablet, and additional jail-issued clothing, including Uni-Foot slides.

Shortly after his release, the inmate appeared in a social media video wearing jail-issued clothing and Uni-Foot slides, displaying an inmate identification card, and holding the Smart Communications tablet. The video publicly displayed the consequences of the release failures and reflected negatively on the Sheriff's Office.

During your administrative interview, you acknowledged that you failed to conduct the required pat-down search and that, as the assigned housing deputy, you were responsible for conducting the search. You acknowledged that you should have taken additional steps to verify the reported loss of the identification card and admitted that you failed to document the missing card. You further acknowledged that you did not notify anyone that the inmate had left the housing unit without being searched and that your conduct was inconsistent with General Order 3-1.1, Rule and Regulation 5.4, Duties and Responsibilities.

During your Administrative Review Board, you again accepted responsibility for failing to conduct the required pat-down search, acknowledged that the policy and your responsibilities were clear, and acknowledged that your failure allowed the inmate to leave with jail-issued property and create a social media video that reflected poorly on the Sheriff's Office.

You admitted, and the Administrative Review Board determined, that you committed this violation

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Five Rule and Regulation violation totaling fifty (50) points. These points, which were affected by zero (0) points from previous discipline, resulted in fifty (50) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from 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.


COLONEL JOSEPH GERRETZ
DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 9/30/2026

Time 1536


Member's Signature

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