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

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

TO:

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FROM:

CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY Rw

Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Court Processing Technician II Karola Murphy, #59694, received the following as a result of AI-19-013:

1. Written Reprimand

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PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

TO:

COURT PROCESSING TECHNICIAN II KAROLA MURPHY, #59694

FROM:

SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT:

CHARGES RE: AI-19-013

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 September 18, 2018, and April 27, 2019, 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 3.4(d), Performance of Duty.

Synopsis: On September 18, 2018, while working in the capacity of a Court Processing Technician II, you received a Final Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence from the Clerk of the Court. As you input the injunction information into the required record management system, you entered an incorrect expiration date of September 18, 2019. The injunction was ordered to expire on March 18, 2019.

On April 27, 2019, a law enforcement officer was investigating a violation of the above-mentioned injunction. During the investigation, the law enforcement officer called the Court Processing Unit to determine whether the injunction was valid or not. You spoke with the law enforcement officer and informed him the injunction was valid without taking the proper steps to confirm the injunction's expiration date. The injunction, had in fact, expired. The respondent was arrested for violation of the injunction.

Your failure to properly input the terms and conditions of the injunction, coupled with the fact you confirmed the validity of the expired injunction, resulted in a citizen being erroneously arrested and placed into custody for approximately fourteen (14) hours.

The Administrative Board determined you committed this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Three Rule and Regulation totaling fifteen (15) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in fifteen (15) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from a Reprimand to three (3) days Suspension.

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

MAJOR WILLIAM HAGANS

JUDICIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date

SEPT. 23, 2019

Time

BG:MAJ:kmm