

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

**DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2018**

**TO: DISTRIBUTION**

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

**SUBJECT: AI-17-042 SHERIFF'S FINDINGS**

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Corporal Anthony Ricottilli, #57695, will receive the following as a result of AI-17-042:

1. Reappointment from Corporal to Deputy
2. Sixteen (16) hours Suspension to be served on:  
February 27, 2018 (11.5 hours/day) and March 3, 2018 (4.5 hours/day).

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Corporal Anthony Ricottilli

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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
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**DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

**TO: CORPORAL ANTHONY RICOTTILLI, #57695**

**FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

**SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-17-042**

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, November 8, 2017, 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.

On November 8, 2017, inmates attending a class in the Pinellas County Jail were responsible for the theft of a video cassette recorder (VCR). Inmates concealed the VCR, removed it from the classroom and transported it to the area where they were housed without detection.

During this incident, you were a supervisor assigned to the floor where the inmates were housed. In this position, you were responsible for the care, custody and control of inmates, and to ensure procedural compliance.

During testimony you acknowledged the following errors:

- You failed to communicate with staff assigned to the inmate housing floor, ensuring their awareness that inmates returning to the floor needed to be searched prior to entering their housing area.
- You admitted to opening the outer inmate housing area door from within the floor's control room, avoiding direct contact with the inmates as they entered the housing area and your possible detection of the VCR. You testified you knew this was in violation of a directive stating the door should be opened from a separate location, in closer proximity to inmates and the housing area.

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Through the investigation, it was determined there was no standard practice in place for inmates returning to the floor you supervised. During this incident, you had no contact with the inmates and provided no subordinate guidance.

You testified, "I see where I had deficiencies, and where I was not doing my best and I'm trying to correct that on a daily basis."


As a result of these errors, the VCR was introduced into the inmates housing area. Inmates then disassembled the VCR and constructed a weapon made from its internal parts. This weapon was later found in the possession of an inmate.

The Administrative Review Board determined you violated the above policy.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one Level Three Rules and Regulations violation totaling fifteen (15) points. These points, which were affected by zero (0) 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 (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.

  
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COLONEL PAUL HALLE  
DEPT. OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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