

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

DATE: MARCH 15, 2018

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *RW*
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Charles Meehan, #57475, will receive the following as a result of AI-17-045:

1. Forty (40) hours Suspension to be served on:

March 28, 2018, (12 hrs), March 29, 2018 (12 hrs), April 2, 2018 (12 hrs), and April 3, 2018 (4 hrs).

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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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DATE: MARCH 12, 2018
TO: DEPUTY CHARLES MEEHAN, #57475
FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI
SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-17-045

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, November 9, 2017 to December 4, 2017, 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 3-1.2, Rule and Regulation 4.10, Associating with Subjects Involved in Criminal or Civil Cases.

Synopsis: You responded to a call for service resulting in the arrest of a male subject for Aggravated Domestic Battery. During this investigation, you served in the capacity of a back-up deputy.

As part of the investigation, you interacted with the female victim, providing her with victim's rights information and brochures. At the conclusion, you completed a report documenting your actions.

You were later contacted by the female victim who requested case related information. You testified that this contact was initially professional, but transitioned from requests for information and assistance, to non-work related personal conversations. This interaction involved multiple texts, phone calls, facetime conversations and the exchange of photographs.

You acknowledged that this interaction continued and involved personal contact, through a date. You testified that the relationship between you and the female victim at that time became intimate.

You acknowledged that this contact was in violation of agency policy, preventing association with persons involved in open cases that you've come to know through case investigation or official duties.

You admitted that at the time of this interaction, it was you understanding the criminal case was active and unresolved.

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.

You queried the Florida Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID). You testified that this inquiry was to view the photo array of the victim associated with this case. You admitted this was done out of "curiosity" and 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 one Level Four Rules and Regulations violation and one Level Three violation totaling forty five (45) points, which by policy reverts back to forty (40) points. These points which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in forty (40) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from three (3) to fifteen (15) 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 RICHARD NALVEN
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 3-15-18

Time 1330


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