

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

**DATE:** JULY 14, 2021

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION

**FROM:** CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY <sup>RS</sup>  
Professional Standards Bureau

**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Claudio Dimundo, #57404, received the following as a result of AI-21-005:

1. Written Reprimand

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

**DATE:** JUNE 25, 2021  
**TO:** DEPUTY CLAUDIO DIMUNDO, #57404  
**FROM:** SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI  
**SUBJECT:** CHARGES RE: AI-21-005

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, March 3, 2021, 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: During a K-9 deployment, you failed to maintain control of your K-9 partner which resulted in a compliant suspect being bitten.

You responded to a location in Pinellas County to assist members of the Tactical Investigations Section and Narcotics Division with the arrest of a suspect with outstanding felony warrants.

The suspect, who was a passenger in a vehicle, arrived at the designated meeting location for a narcotics transaction. At the conclusion of the narcotics transaction, you arrived as the detectives were verbally challenging the occupants of the suspect's vehicle.

You exited your vehicle with the intention of deploying your K-9 partner from the rear of your cruiser as a show of force. While opening the rear door of the cruiser, you had an unattached leash in your right hand while reaching for the harness worn by your K-9 partner with your left hand. Your K-9 partner jumped out of your vehicle prior to you applying the leash and ran toward the suspect's vehicle.

During this time, the driver of the suspect's vehicle was complying with detectives' commands by lying flat on the ground with his legs and hands extended out to his side.

You issued verbal commands to your K-9 partner to stop, which he did, momentarily. Your K-9 partner then broke from his stopped position and ran toward the compliant suspect. This resulted in your K-9 partner biting the suspect. While you were attempting to take physical control of your K-9 partner, the suspect was bitten in the head, lower right leg and

right shoe. Your K-9 partner continued these actions until you were able to take physical control of him and remove him from the suspect. The suspect sustained lacerations to his head and punctures to his right leg due to your lack of control of your K-9 partner.

During both your Administrative Interview and Administrative Review Board, you admitted you did not have control of your K-9 partner while attempting to deploy him from the rear of your cruiser.

The Administrative Review Board determined you committed this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Three Rules and Regulations violation 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 Written Reprimand to a 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 DENNIS KOMAR  
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

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