

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

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2017

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *Rw*
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Gary Wilson, #57490, will receive the following as a result of AI-17-016:

1. Per General Order 10-2a, a forty (40) hours Suspension, reduced by Educational Based Discipline, is amended to an eight (8) hours Suspension to be served on:

August 11, 2017

2. Per General Order 10-2a, Alternative Training Programs: General Order Training to be completed within sixty (60) days.

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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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DATE: JULY 31, 2017

TO: DEPUTY GARY WILSON, #57490

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-17-016

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 March 28, 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 3-1.1, Rule and Regulation 5.4, Duties and Responsibilities.

Synopsis: You engaged in the pursuit of a vehicle which violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Policy.

Specifically, you observed a vehicle commit a stop sign violation. While approaching the vehicle reference the violation, you observed it attempt to maneuver between a citizen's vehicle and a concrete barrier, at which time, a vehicle crash (hit-and-run) misdemeanor offense occurred. The vehicle drove through a road construction area and merged onto Ulmerton Road. You activated your emergency lighting equipment (no siren) and noted the drivers' front tire was flat. The vehicle continued and drove through a gas station parking lot, and began to accelerate away from your cruiser. A Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) was attempted to stop the violator on the gas station property, but was unsuccessful. The fleeing vehicle drove southbound in the northbound lanes of 49th Street, and you followed with only your emergency lights activated. You pursued the vehicle through the intersection of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street, and traveled back into the correct lane of travel. A successful PIT was conducted and the pursuit concluded south of the intersection.

Your use of the Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) to stop the violator did not meet the mandatory requirements established through agency policy.

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Moreover, after your initial unsuccessful attempt to stop (PIT) the violator, you acknowledged you engaged in pursuit of the vehicle which was unauthorized and in violation of policy as the vehicular pursuit did not involve a forcible felony, an imminent and/or continuous threat, or any extremely dangerous driving. Lastly, you pursued a vehicle driving the wrong way on a divided roadway.

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to have violated one Level Five Rule/Regulation, totaling fifty (50) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in fifty (50) progressive discipline points. At this point level, recommended discipline is five (5) days Suspension to Termination.

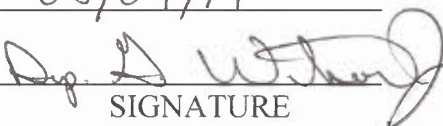
Disciplinary action shall be consistent with progressive discipline, for cause in accordance with the provisions of the Pinellas County Civil Service Act.


MAJOR RICHARD NALVEN
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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