

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

DATE: **NOVEMBER 28, 2016**

TO: **DISTRIBUTION**

FROM: **CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY ^{RW}**
 Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: **AI-16-021 SHERIFF'S FINDING**

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Sergeant Bryan Bingham, #54878, will receive the following as a result of AI-16-021:

1. Fifty-six (56) hours Suspension to be served on:

November 28 and 29, 2016 (12 hours/day), December 21 and 22, 2016 (12 hours/day), and December 27, 2016 (8 hours/day).

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Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Chief Deputy Dan Simovich
Assistant Chief Deputy Sean Jowell
Assistant Chief Deputy George Steffen
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Captain Dennis Fowler
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Payroll
Purchasing-Uniform Supply
Sergeant Bryan Bingham

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 18, 2016

TO: SERGEANT BRYAN BINGHAM, #54878

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-16-021

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, September 7, 2016, 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: On September 7, 2016, you engaged in a high speed pursuit, in violation of agency policy.

Specifically, at approximately 0140 hours, a vehicle fled from a traffic stop attempted by a deputy in the area of U.S. 19 and Republic Drive. The deputy advised via radio of criminal charges, which would not, by policy, authorize the initiation of a pursuit. Per guidelines, the deputy also advised that he was not in pursuit.

Within approximately 12 minutes, you acknowledged during testimony, you had located and began to actively pursue the vehicle, providing its location and status via radio. The unauthorized pursuit of this vehicle lasted 24 minutes and traveled 31.6 miles into the city of Tampa, at speeds, that you estimated, up to 100 MPH.

This pursuit did not involve a forcible felony, an enumerated crime, an imminent and/or continuous threat, or extremely dangerous driving as required by policy.

You admitted to this violation.

2. You violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office General Order 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.31(g), Inappropriate Conduct by Members of the Agency.

Synopsis: During the pursuit, video evidence confirmed the involvement of multiple deputies, attempting to assist in the unauthorized incident, traveling at speeds of over 100 MPH, through intersections, with and without emergency equipment, lights and sirens, in multiple areas of the county.

As you were actively engaged in the unauthorized pursuit, you testified you were unaware that subordinates actions contradicted guidelines. You failed to supervise those deputies and terminate their unauthorized activity.

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Five Rules and Regulations and one (1) Level Three Rule and Regulations violation totaling (65) points, which by policy reverts back to (60) points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from a seven (7) 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.



BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

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