


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

DATE: APRIL 05, 2022

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY 
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Forensic Science Specialist Linda Scire, #52760, will receive the following as a result of AI-21-019:

1. Written Reprimand

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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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DATE: **APRIL 1, 2022**

TO: **FORENSIC SCIENCE SPECIALIST LINDA SCIRE, #52760**

FROM: **SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

SUBJECT: **CHARGES RE: AI-21-019**

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 29, 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 the shift of November 29, 2021, you offered to assist another Forensic Science Specialist with two of her assigned processing requests. Processing requests consist of retrieving evidence from the Property and Evidence Division, maintaining an accurate chain of custody, completing sequential evidence processing, and documenting actions taken within logs, notebooks, and the agency's report management system (ACISS).

You processed one item using the cyanoacrylate (superglue) fuming chamber and M-star, a luminescence dye stain chemical. You processed the other item using the cyanoacrylate fuming chamber and black magnetic powder. You then placed both items, along with the processing request that included notes on the processing methods used, in the other Forensic Science Specialist's secure locker at the Forensic Science Division.

You failed to document your actions in your notebook and did not complete ACISS supplement reports as required by agency Standard Operating Procedures and accreditation standards. You also did not request the items be transferred to your custody, using the Change of Custody function in ACISS.

During your Administrative Interview, you admitted your lack of documentation showed a "lack of integrity, lack of custody."

During your Administrative Review Board, you admitted you failed to maintain an accurate chain of custody, and also failed to author ACISS supplement reports documenting that


you processed the evidentiary items. You testified, "I should have been more responsible and written a report on my involvement."

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Three Rule and Regulation 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 Written Reprimand to (24) hours Suspension.

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


MAJOR JENNIFER LOVE
SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 4.5.22

Time 1325


SIGNATURE

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