

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

DATE: DECEMBER 23, 2019

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *R_w*
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy William Peterson, #55531, will receive the following as a result of AI-19-008:

1. A forty (40) hours Suspension, reduced by Education Based Discipline (Review of General Order 15-2), is amended to a twenty-four (24) hours Suspension to be served on:

December 23, 2019 and December 24, 2019 (12 hours/day).

DISTRIBUTION:

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Chief Deputy Dan Simovich
Assistant Chief Deputy Sean Jowell
Assistant Chief Deputy George Steffen
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Deputy William Peterson

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

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2019

TO: DEPUTY WILLIAM PETERSON, #55531

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-19-008

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, July 13, 2019, 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.

While running stationary radar at McMullen Booth Road and Oak Haven Drive, you observed a vehicle travelling at eighty-one (81) miles-per-hour, in excess of the posted fifty (50) miles-per-hour speed limit.

You activated and deactivated your emergency lighting equipment to clear two (2) intersections as you attempted to catch up to the vehicle in order to conduct a traffic stop. After proceeding through the second red light intersection, the vehicles' speed increased drastically as it began to flee, and you testified the pursuit was initiated.

Your speed reached one-hundred and eight (108) miles-per-hour as you pursued the vehicle south on McMullen Booth Road before turning west onto State Road 580. You then pursued the vehicle southeast on Charles Avenue and back toward McMullen Booth Road.

You continued to pursue the vehicle south on McMullen Booth Road, approaching Enterprise Road, until the vehicle turned short of the intersection and into a parking lot. Another deputy activated his emergency lighting equipment to stop the vehicle in this parking lot. The vehicle then drove over a grassy embankment out of the parking lot.

You then activated your emergency lighting equipment and siren and continued to pursue the vehicle. This was the first time in the pursuit you activated your emergency lighting equipment and siren.

At this time, the pursuit continued west on Enterprise Road and south on Landmark Drive, which is a dead-end road. After the vehicle conducted a U-turn, you followed, and then continued to pursue the vehicle north on Landmark Drive and east on Enterprise Road.

The pursuit continued until supervision asked on the radio if you were in pursuit, and to name your charges. At this time, you deactivated your emergency lighting equipment and siren. You acknowledged on the radio you were no longer in pursuit.


You testified you engaged in a pursuit of the vehicle on the aforementioned roadways 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.

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 violation 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, the recommended discipline range is from 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.

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for Major Halle
MAJOR PAUL HALLE
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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