

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

**DATE:**        **SEPTEMBER 30, 2026**

**TO:**         **DISTRIBUTION**

**FROM:**      **CAPTAIN ROBERT OSTERLAND** *Ro*  
                 **Professional Standards Division**

**SUBJECT:**   **SHERIFF'S FINDING**

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Shawn Atkinson, #56250, will receive the following as a result of AI 26-019:

1. An eighty (80) hour Suspension to be served on:

October 5, 2026 (11.5 hours), October 6, 2026 (11.5 hours), October 9, 2026, (11.5 hours), October 19, 2026 (11.5 hours), October 20, 2026 (11.5 hours), October 23, 2026 (11.5 hours), and November 2, 2026 (11 hours).

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Chief Deputy Dave Danzig  
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Purchasing-Uniform Supply  
Deputy Shawn Atkinson

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

**DATE:           SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**

**TO:             DEPUTY SHAWN ATKINSON, #56250**

**FROM:          SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

**SUBJECT:   CHARGES RE: AI 26-019**

An investigation has been conducted by the Administrative Investigations Section, Professional Standards Division, of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. As a result of this investigation, the Administrative Review Board has determined that you committed the following violation:

On, but not limited to, July 1, 2026, 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 5.2, Loyalty.

Synopsis: As the assigned courtroom deputy, your responsibilities included preparing the courtroom before court began, maintaining the order and security of the court, and attending to the needs of the court in accordance with Judicial Operations procedures.

On July 1, 2026, while assigned as a bailiff in a courtroom, you spoke with courthouse staff about the day's calendar. During the conversation, you used a derogatory term about an Assistant Public Defender after learning that a trial was scheduled during a holiday week. When the judge's judicial assistant advised you that the judge, not the Assistant Public Defender, was responsible for scheduling trials, you responded with another derogatory comment involving the judge. You made the comments in the presence of the Assistant Public Defender, a deputy clerk, and the judicial assistant.

Your comments regarding the Assistant Public Defender and the judge were inappropriate and inconsistent with the professionalism and conduct expected of a deputy assigned to maintain security and order within a courtroom. As a result, the judge requested that you no longer be assigned to her courtroom, and you were removed from that assignment. The incident also required additional follow-up with court personnel and other justice-system partners.

During your administrative interview, you acknowledged that your conduct was inappropriate, in poor taste, and reflected poorly on the Sheriff's Office. You further acknowledged that your actions violated General Order 3-1.1, Rule and Regulation 5.2, Loyalty, explaining that your conduct had

“put the Sheriff’s Office in a bad light” and that, while wearing the uniform, you were expected to maintain a high standard of professionalism.

During your Administrative Review Board, you again acknowledged that referring to either an attorney or a judge in that manner, even if intended as a joke, was completely unprofessional and should never have occurred.

You further acknowledged that your removal from the courtroom required other members to cover your assignment and caused staffing and scheduling adjustments.

You admitted, and the Administrative Review Board determined, that you committed the violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Five Rule and Regulation violation totaling fifty (50) points. These points, which were affected by twenty-five (25) points from previous discipline, resulted in seventy-five (75) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from an eighty (80) hour Suspension to Termination.

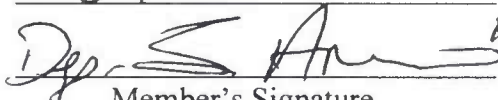
Disciplinary action shall be consistent with progressive discipline, for cause in accordance with the provisions of the Pinellas County Civil Service Act.

  
COLONEL JOSEPH GERRETZ  
DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

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