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

DATE:

JANUARY 22, 2024

TO:

DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

CAPTAIN ROBERT OSTERLAND

Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Joshua Ricottili, #58439, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-028:

1. Eight (8) hour Suspension to be satisfied through the forfeiture of accrued leave.

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PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 18, 2024

TO: DEPUTY JOSHUA RICOTTILLI #58439

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-23-028

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 that you committed the following violation:

On, but not limited to, October 25, 2023, 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 3.31(c), Inappropriate Conduct by Members of the Agency – Careless Handling of Firearms.

Synopsis: On October 25, 2023, you arrived at the Sheriff's Administration Building for your annual in-service training. While unloading your weapons at the rear of your agency vehicle, you accidentally discharged your firearm into the open trunk. The vehicle sustained minimal damage, and no injuries occurred as a result of this incident.

During your subject interview, you admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Three Rules and Regulations violation totaling fifteen (15) points. These points, which were affected by no points from previous discipline, resulted in fifteen (15) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from a Reprimand to a twenty-four (24) hour Suspension.

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

MAJOR DENMIS GARVEY

INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS BUREAU

FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date

Time

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