

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

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2017

TO: DISTRIBUTION

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

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Jason Fineran, #58971, will receive the following as a result of AI-17-034:

1. Forty (40) hours Suspension to be served on:
December 20, 21, 26 (12 hours/day) and December 29, 2017 (4 hours/day).
2. Removal as a Field Training Officer

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Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Chief Deputy Dan Simovich
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Purchasing-Uniform Supply
Deputy Jason Fineran

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

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2017

TO: DEPUTY JASON FINERAN, #58971

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-17-034

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 May 25, 2017, 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.

You testified that you knew you were responding to a potentially armed subject at 7171 79th Street North Pinellas Park, Florida 33781. Your COBAN camera was activated due to your emergency response.

Upon your arrival, you observed Deputy Edge holding a subject at gun point as the subject concealed himself on the opposite side of a vehicle that was parked in the roadway.

You testified that upon exiting the vehicle you unholstered your gun and began issuing verbal commands to the subject to, "get on the ground." You then admitted to reaching down to your duty belt for your microphone, with your left hand, and intentionally turning off the audio recording for this incident. The lack of audio hindered this investigation. You later admitted that you do this out of "habit" and testified "I usually turn my COBAN off other than if it's a traffic stop of some sort that I think I may need some kind of verbal testimony." Turning off microphone in this circumstance is in direct violation of policy.

The Administrative Review Board determined you committed this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to have violated one (1) Level Five Rule/Regulations, totaling fifty (50) points. These points, which were affected by no carryover points from previous discipline, resulted in fifty (50) progressive discipline points. In accordance with agency policy, 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.



BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 12-13-17

Time _____

 58971
SIGNATURE

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