


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

DATE: MAY 3, 2023
TO: DISTRIBUTION
FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY 
Professional Standards Bureau
SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Deangelo Graham, #60533, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-002:

1. A forty (40) hours Suspension, reduced by Education Based Discipline, is amended to an eight (8) hours Suspension to be served on:

May 15, 2023 (8 hours).

Due to the nature of the above listed disciplinary action, Education Based Discipline is rendered in accordance with General Order 10-2(a).

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Deputy Deangelo Graham

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

DATE: APRIL 28, 2023
TO: DEPUTY DEANGELO GRAHAM, #60533
FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI
SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-23-002

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, November 18, 2022, 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: On November 18, 2022, you engaged in a pursuit that violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office policy. While on duty, you observed a Honda with a window tint violation and no tag light in the area of Seminole Blvd and 86th Ave N. While attempting to conduct a traffic stop, the driver initially pulled over but then drove away prior to you making contact with him. You notified dispatch that "...it's fleeing from me" and, after deactivating your emergency equipment, you began to follow the driver southbound on Seminole Blvd.

As the driver approached Seminole Blvd and 64th Ave N, you continued to follow the vehicle with your overhead lights not activated. The driver was speeding but took no other evasive action to avoid you.

As the driver approached Seminole Blvd and 61st Ave N, you positioned your patrol vehicle next to the Honda to execute a precision immobilization technique (PIT) maneuver. As you initiated contact with the Honda, the in-car video from your vehicle indicated that you were traveling at 69 MPH. The PIT maneuver was successful and caused the Honda to crash into a concrete wall; the driver was subsequently apprehended.

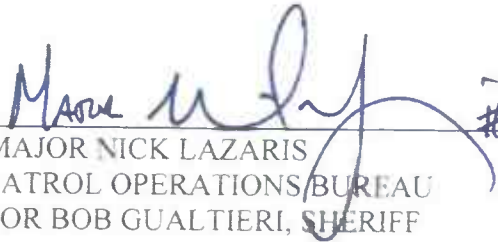
During your Administrative Interview, you stated there was no forcible felony or extremely dangerous driving behavior present, and the pursuit was unauthorized and in violation of agency policy. You testified, "I know for a fact that my PIT was a thousand percent out of policy. I recognized that after the fact."

You admitted to the violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Five Rules and Regulation 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 a forty (40) hours 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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MAJOR NICK LAZARIS
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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