

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

DATE: AUGUST 22, 2023

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY 
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Corporal Michael Deerman II, #59489, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-010:

1. Eight (8) hour Suspension to be served on:

August 27, 2023 (8 hours).

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Chief Deputy Paul Halle
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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: AUGUST 17, 2023
TO: CORPORAL MICHAEL DEERMAN II #59489
FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI
SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-23-010

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:

Between, but not limited to, April 8, 2023, through April 9, 2023, while off 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 3.3
2. You violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office General Order 3-1.3 Rule and Regulation 3.1 Standard of Conduct.

Synopsis: On April 8, 2023, while you were off duty, you and your ex-wife were involved in a physical altercation at her private residence. At approximately 2100 hours, you called your ex-wife after you left a party with your children and told her you were coming over to get clothing and bathe them. Your ex-wife told you she was busy and not to come over. Shortly after this phone conversation, you texted your ex-wife, stating, "IDGAFM[sic], you can send whoever you have over out for a minute while your kids do something they need."

You then arrived at her residence and began banging on the front door. The two of you subsequently had a verbal argument outside the front door. Your ex-wife then instructed you to leave, and she walked back into her house. You failed to de-escalate the situation by leaving and continued to bang on the front door.

Your ex-wife reopened the door, walked out, shutting the door behind her, and the two of you continued to verbally argue. A struggle over the door ensued while standing at the door's threshold. At some point, your ex-wife inadvertently pushed the door handle down, causing it to open slightly. As she tried to close it, you forcibly grabbed her right arm, put it behind her back and redirected her into an adjacent wall. You then entered the residence without her permission. You confronted the male guest and told him to leave before you retrieved some personal items from the children's bedroom and exited the residence.

Once deputies arrived at the request of your ex-wife, you were dismissive and less than cooperative with them, omitting information about what occurred. Your ex-wife sustained injuries to her right arm and collarbone during the altercation.

During your Administrative Interview, you testified, "She said she was busy and hung up on me and that's what made me mad, is that at that point she wasn't communicating with me." You admitted you had an inclination that she had a guest over at her house but went there anyway. You testified you were "frustrated" with your ex-wife and "She wasn't cooperating. She was being difficult."

During the Administrative Review Board, you stated, "I brought discredit to myself and the Sheriff's Office."

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of two (2) Level Three Rules and Regulations violation totaling twenty-five (25) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in twenty-five (25) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from eight (8) hours Suspension to forty (40) hours Suspension.

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


MAJOR NICK LAZARIS
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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