

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

**DATE:**        **SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

**TO:**         **DISTRIBUTION**

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

**SUBJECT:**   **SHERIFF'S FINDING**

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Sergeant Lorraine Hinson, #56878, will receive the following as a result of AI 26-011:

1. A forty (40) hour Suspension to be served on:

September 17, 2026 (8 hours), September 18, 2026 (8 hours), September 22, 2026 (8 hours), September 23, 2026 (8 hours) and October 5, 2026 (8 hours).

**DISTRIBUTION:**

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri  
Chief Deputy Dave Danzig  
Assistant Chief Deputy Paul Carey  
Assistant Chief Deputy Dennis Komar  
Colonel Joe Gerretz  
Major Jose Camacho  
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Major Greg Danzig  
Major Alyson Henry  
Major Jon Tobeck  
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Director Jennifer Crockett  
Director Susan Krause  
Director Jason Malpass  
Director Kristi Wong  
Shannon Lockheart, General Counsel  
Payroll  
Purchasing-Uniform Supply  
Sergeant Lorraine Hinson

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

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

**TO:** SERGEANT LORRAINE HINSON, #56878

**FROM:** SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

**SUBJECT:** CHARGES RE: AI 26-011

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, April 29, 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 5.4, Duties and Responsibilities.

Synopsis: As a sergeant assigned to Judicial Operations, you were responsible for exercising supervisory judgment, directing available personnel, and taking appropriate action during developing incidents. SOP JOB-01 requires courthouse security personnel to maintain order and conduct surveillance during judicial proceedings, manage and control litigants, utilize additional personnel when necessary, and use communication and control procedures to maintain security and control movement within courthouse facilities.

On April 29, 2026, while conducting supervisory rounds at the Criminal Justice Complex, you entered a courtroom and remained there after observing a defendant engaging in behavior consistent with sovereign-citizen ideology. You acknowledged that you remained in the courtroom because you believed the defendant could become an issue and that, based upon your experience, a capias was likely to result from the defendant's conduct. Approximately eighteen (18) minutes elapsed between the defendant's initial interaction with the court and his subsequent interaction near the conclusion of the calendar. During that period, you did not request additional personnel, position deputies outside the courtroom or at likely routes of travel, alert other courthouse personnel to the developing situation, or formulate a supervisory plan.

At approximately 1149 hours, the judge advised the defendant that, if he was not the individual before the court, he could leave. The defendant exited the courtroom at approximately 1149 hours, and you followed him into the vestibule and hallway for the purpose of determining his direction of travel. The defendant continued toward the escalators. At approximately 1149 hours, you

discontinued following him and returned toward the courtroom without directing another deputy to maintain visual contact or communicating the defendant's movement to other available personnel.

At approximately 1150 hours, the defendant entered the downward escalator while the judge began the process of issuing the capias. You subsequently reentered the courtroom. At approximately 1150 hours, the courtroom deputy transmitted to the Public Exit Post regarding the defendant and the issued warrant. You then left the courtroom and proceeded toward the escalators. Other personnel located the defendant on the first floor and took him into custody at approximately 1151 hours. You reached the first floor several seconds after the defendant was detained.

During your Administrative Interview, you acknowledged that you were the supervisor responsible for the incident and that you did not exercise supervisory control. You acknowledged that you should have positioned other deputies, established a plan, maintained visual contact with the defendant, or directed another deputy to do so.

During the Administrative Review Board, you again acknowledged that you had not formulated a plan before the defendant left the courtroom. You acknowledged that you could have requested additional personnel, positioned deputies at the courtroom, escalators, elevators, or exits, communicated the developing situation over the radio, and directed another deputy to maintain visual contact. Regarding your decision to discontinue following the defendant, you stated, "I just don't know what stopped me from continuing to follow him."

During the Administrative Review Board, you stated that your decisions and actions were not consistent with established procedures, standards, or the level of performance expected of you, and stated, "I accept full responsibility." You also acknowledged that you were not an effective supervisor during the incident.

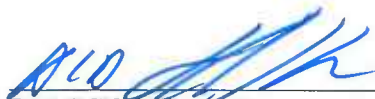
You admitted, and the Administrative Review Board determined, that you committed the violation.

Your failure to formulate and implement a supervisory plan, maintain or assign visual contact with the defendant, direct available personnel, communicate pertinent information, position available resources, and otherwise assume supervisory control of a developing courthouse security situation was inconsistent with the duties and responsibilities of your position and constituted a violation of General Order 3-1.1, Rule and Regulation 5.4, Duties and Responsibilities.

#### 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 zero (0) points from previous discipline, resulted in fifty (50) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from a forty (40) 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.

  
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DENNIS KOMAR  
ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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Member's Signature

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