

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

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2025

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN ROBERT OSTERLAND *RO*
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, CJS Diana Escobar, #57601, will receive the following as a result of AI 25-005:

1. A forty (40) hour Suspension, which will be satisfied by the forfeiture of accrued leave.

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Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
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**PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

DATE: AUGUST 15, 2025

TO: CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPECIALIST DIANA ESCOBAR, #57601

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI 25-005

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, March 27, 2025, 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: You were assigned as the Criminal Justice Specialist (CJS) to the South Division, Upper G Control Room, working alongside three deputies assigned to the Upper G Housing Area. In this role, you were responsible for maintaining the security and integrity of the area, which included preventing escapes, ensuring the safety of staff and visitors, and protecting inmates and detainees from harm. The assignment required strict supervision of operations and control measures. You were mandated to restrict access to authorized personnel only and to secure all doors and gates under your control. Specifically, your duties included electronically controlling the wing's inner and outer security gates, ensuring the security of the wing and control room at all times, and keeping the control room doors closed and locked.

On the date of this incident, you failed to maintain adequate security by intentionally leaving the Upper G Control Room doors open without certified staff present. Multiple times during your shift, staff entered and exited the control room without your involvement. Staff members simply pushed the unlocked doors open to enter, and when exiting, they held the doors to prevent them from fully closing and locking.

You acknowledged that you were aware that the control room doors were regularly left unsecured and that you routinely silenced the door alarms by pressing the control panel button. Despite being aware of your responsibilities, you failed to take corrective action to ensure the doors remained secured.

Additionally, during your shift, without the knowledge or direction of the deputies on the wing, you opened a pod door and allowed an inmate to exit his housing unit unsupervised. Shortly thereafter, the inmate approached one of the unsecured control room doors, pushed it open, and entered the control room while deputies were occupied with other inmates. Once inside, the inmate pulled down his trousers and exposed his genitalia to you. Within moments, a deputy realized the inmate had entered the control room, quickly intervened, and secured the inmate without further incident.

Following the event, you and other involved staff delayed reporting the incident to your supervisor for an unreasonable amount of time. You admitted there were no other issues on the wing that prevented you from making an immediate report, as required.

You admitted to the violation.

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.

Majors 3145 8/18/25
COLONEL DENNIS J. GARVEY SR.
DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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