

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

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**

TO: **DISTRIBUTION**

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

SUBJECT: **SHERIFF'S FINDING**

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Chris Georgatos, #58144, will receive the following as a result of AI 26-011:

1. A forty (40) hour Suspension. Twenty-four (24) hours will be served as a Suspension; the remaining sixteen (16) hours will be suspended if there is no substantiated discipline within a one-year period from September 10, 2026. The twenty-four (24) hour Suspension will be served on:

September 30, 2026 (8 hours), October 1, 2026 (8 hours), and October 2, 2026 (8 hours).

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Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Chief Deputy Dave Danzig
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Deputy Chris Georgatos

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

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**

TO: **DEPUTY CHRIS GEORGATOS, #58144**

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: On April 29, 2026, while assigned to the Public Exit Post within the Criminal Justice Complex, you were responsible for maintaining security at the exit, monitoring activity in the surrounding area, and taking appropriate law enforcement action when circumstances required. You had approximately fourteen (14) years of experience assigned to Criminal Courts, had worked the Public Exit Post numerous times, and acknowledged that you understood the duties and responsibilities associated with the assignment.

During the incident, the Public Exit Post was called twice by radio. You did not respond to the initial transmission. After acknowledging the second transmission, you received a physical description of a defendant and were specifically advised that a judge had issued a warrant for the defendant's arrest and requested that the defendant be detained. You acknowledged that the description was sufficient to identify the defendant, that you understood a capias had been issued, and that you were expected to stop and detain the defendant.

The defendant subsequently entered the Public Exit hallway approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) feet from your position. You remained seated at the Public Exit Post and did not secure the exit, position yourself to prevent the defendant from leaving, move toward the defendant, assume responsibility for the arrest, or assist the two (2) detention sergeants who ultimately detained the

defendant. The detention occurred within approximately ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet of your assigned post.

You acknowledged that you could have activated the magnetic lock securing the exit, positioned yourself between the defendant and the exit, and assumed responsibility for the arrest. During the Administrative Review Board Interview, you further acknowledged that you had sufficient information to detain the defendant, took no action, and received no information relieving you of your responsibility to act. You stated, "I should have gotten up and taken action. I should have secured the exit and helped take control of the situation."

The investigation further established that you were using your personal cell phone for personal business while assigned to the Public Exit Post. You acknowledged that your cell phone use distracted you and caused you to miss the initial radio transmission. You were aware of the standing directive prohibiting personal cell phone use while assigned to the Public Exit Post.

During both your Administrative Interview and Administrative Review Board Interview, you accepted responsibility for your failure to act. During the Administrative Interview, you acknowledged that you were the member present with arrest authority and stated that you should have gotten up and assisted with the arrest. During the Administrative Review Board Interview, you again acknowledged that you knew your responsibilities, failed to perform them, and should have secured the exit and responded to the arrest.

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

Your failure to remain attentive to your assigned responsibilities, secure the Public Exit, position yourself to prevent the defendant from leaving, take appropriate law enforcement action, and assist in the arrest 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.

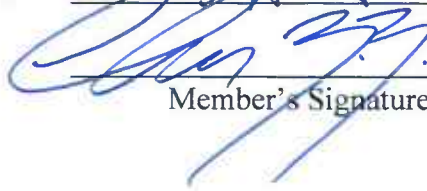
Disciplinary action shall be consistent with progressive discipline, for cause in accordance with the provisions of the Pinellas County Civil Service Act.


MAJOR DEANNA CAREY
JUDICIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 09/14/2026

Time 1348 hrs.

 58144
Member's Signature

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