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

# DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2024

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN ROBERT OSTERLAND Professional Standards Bureau

## SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Inmate Records Shift Supervisor Michael Cline, #59670, will receive the following as a result of AI-24-010

1. Forty (40) hour Suspension to be satisfied through the forfeiture of accrued leave.

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

### DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2024

## TO: INMATE RECORDS SHIFT SUPERVISOR MICHAEL CLINE, #59670

## FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

### SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-24-010

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:

On, but not limited to, July 23, 2024, 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 July 23, 2024, while on duty as an Inmate Records Shift Supervisor at the Pinellas County Jail, you were assigned as a second shift supervisor. Part of your duties as a shift supervisor was to review inmate files for accuracy and schedule eligible inmates for release.

During the review of an inmate's file prior to their release, you did not follow established procedures and failed to examine all documentation within the file. This documentation included a writ from the Federal Bureau of Prisons directing the Pinellas County Jail to return the inmate to federal custody after resolving their local charges.

As a result, you improperly processed the file, and the inmate was erroneously released from custody.

During the Administrative Review Board, you stated, "I didn't do the steps that I've put in place to ensure this didn't happen, which was to double-check a file."

You admitted to this 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 five (5) points from previous discipline, resulted in fifty-five (55) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is 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.

COLONEL PAUL CAREY DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

11/15/2024 Date

Time 1610 SIGNATURE

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