

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

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 30, 2020

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION

**FROM:** CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *Rw*  
Professional Standards Bureau

**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Edgardo Ocasio, #60129, will receive the following as a result of AI-20-018:

1. Forty (40) hours Suspension to be served on:  
November 30, 2020 (12 hours), December 1, 2020 (12 hours), December 9, 2020 (12 hours) and December 10, 2020 (4 hours).
2. Loss of take-home car for sixty (60) days).

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

**DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2020**

**TO: DEPUTY EDGARDO OCASIO, #60129**

**FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI**

**SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-20-018**

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, May 8, 2020, and June 7, 2020, while on and off-duty in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, 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.

On June 5, 2020, at approximately 2248 hours, you were on duty and in your assigned area of responsibility. A traffic stop was conducted 2.28 miles away from your location by another deputy. You did not respond to that traffic stop.

One (1) minute and twenty-nine (29) seconds after the traffic stop was called out over the radio, the deputy asked for another unit to respond for assistance. Again, you did not respond.

When the call for assistance was stated over the radio, you and another deputy were sitting inside your vehicles and were available to respond to requests for service or law enforcement assistance.

Eleven (11) seconds after the request for assistance was made, the deputy made a third radio transmission requesting immediate assistance. The deputy who was present with you left your location and responded to the deputy who was requesting immediate assistance. You, however, did not respond to the request for immediate assistance.

Despite being assigned to the adjoining area and 2.28 miles from the traffic stop where the deputy was requesting immediate assistance, you remained stationary. There was nothing preventing you from responding to the call for assistance. You remained in an available status and you failed to assist the deputy requesting immediate assistance.

Your actions in this situation demonstrated negligence in your responsibility to fulfill your duties and responsibilities as a Deputy Sheriff.

In conjunction with the above listed complaint, on June 6, 2020, a citizen alleged you were driving at least 100 mph while in Hillsborough County, and at the time, you were off-duty.

During a review of the allegation, your supervisor determined you were speeding on at least one (1) occasion while going home. The same supervisor determined you left your assigned area of responsibility early, you weren't logged on to your assigned in-car computer while in transit after your shift, and you were placing your vehicles digital recorder in a status where it was unable to record.

A review of your in-car GPS data from May 8, 2020, through June 7, 2020, revealed there were numerous instances you were exceeding the posted speed limit while off-duty and in Hillsborough County.

A review of your in-car GPS data from May 8, 2020, through June 7, 2020, was searched to show your arrival and departure times from your assigned area of responsibility.

This search revealed you would regularly leave your assigned area of responsibility early. This search also revealed several occasions you were late arriving to your assigned area.

You failed to follow policy, as all Deputy Sheriffs are required to be in their assigned area at the beginning of their shift and to remain in their assigned area until the conclusion of their shift.

A review of your in-car GPS data from May 8, 2020, through June 7, 2020, was searched and determined you were not logging-on via laptop while traveling to and from your assigned area of responsibility.

You failed to follow policy as you are required to log on to your laptop computer while traveling to and from your assigned area of responsibility.

The vehicles digital video recorder (COBAN) log was reviewed and revealed as you traveled to and from work, you manipulated the vehicles digital recorder system. This was done on multiple occasions to circumvent the recording system and was accomplished by placing the system in a status where the vehicles digital recorder system was unable to record.

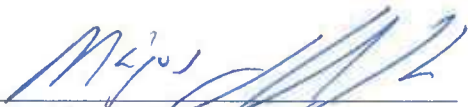
Your actions circumvented the intended use of the vehicles digital recorder (COBAN) which is to have the unit working satisfactorily and powered on at all times, unless mitigating circumstances exist. You failed to follow policy as there were no reasons or explanations to justify you bypassing the vehicles digital recorder ability.

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 Regulations violation totaling fifty (50) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulting in fifty (50) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from five (5) days 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 DENNIS KOMAR  
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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