

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

DATE: MARCH 14, 2022

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY 
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Dante Ginn-Davis, #60523, will receive the following as a result of AI-21-018:

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

March 16, 2022 (11.5 hours), March 17, 2022 (11.5 hours), March 21, 2022 (11.5 hour), and March 22, 2022 (5.5 hours).

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

DATE: MARCH 7, 2022

TO: DEPUTY DANTE GINN-DAVIS, #60523

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-21-018

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, November 17, 2021, and November 18, 2021, 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: During the shift of November 17, 2021 to November 18, 2021, you were assigned to the 2H4/5 Guard 1 post of North Division at the Pinellas County Jail. This area houses inmates required to be under constant observation due to their classification status. This constant supervision is achieved through live video monitoring equipment and 15 minute security and well-being checks of the inmates and their cells.

At 1959 hours, while on post at the Officer's Station, the deputy assigned to the 2H4 post opened the Netflix website, signed in and positioned the website so it was only viewable in the center of the screen. You began watching videos on the work computer and continued watching them for the majority of your 11.5-hour shift.

On November 18, 2021, at approximately 0420 hours, an inmate in your care, custody and control began vomiting a large amount of blood on the cell floor. As this occurred, you were seated at the Officer's Station with another deputy while a video was playing on a computer monitor. You failed to observe the vomit via the live cameras on two of your computer monitors as it continued to spread throughout the cell.

Approximately seven minutes later the other deputy conducted a 15 minute security and well-being check on the inmate and the remaining inmates in 2H4 and 2H5. During this check, you failed to reposition yourself at the Officer's Station to observe the live camera monitors, which resulted in your failure to recognize there was vomit on the cell floor. Due to this failure, you did not notify medical staff that an evaluation needed to be completed for the inmate immediately.

At 0440 hours, you conducted a 15 minute security and well-being check on the inmate. You failed to observe the vomit on the floor. Additionally, for the remainder of your shift you failed to recognize there was a substance on the cell floor while conducting your 15 minute security and well-being checks on the inmate.

At shift change, you advised the incoming shift that no incidents had occurred throughout your shift. At 0739 hours, while conducting zone inspections, dayshift observed the dark substance on the floor, and after speaking to the inmate, notified medical staff. Emergency 911 was activated and the inmate was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

During your Administrative Investigation Interview, you admitted that you failed to remain aware of the inmate activities inside of the unit. You testified that you "did not see anything inside the cell," in reference to the vomit on the floor. In reference to watching videos on previous shifts, you testified it occurred "maybe once a week."

During your Administrative Review Board, you admitted your performance that night was "inadequate."

You failed to take any action while an inmate was experiencing a serious medical incident. Your failure to maintain an acceptable level of security awareness resulted in the inmate receiving delayed medical care.

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, resulted 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.


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

I have received a copy:

Date March 14th 2022

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