

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

**DATE:** AUGUST 24, 2022

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION

**FROM:** CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY *DC*  
Professional Standards Bureau

**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Todd Brien, #58698, will receive the following as a result of AI-22-013:

1. Written Reprimand

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

**DATE:** AUGUST 19, 2022  
**TO:** DEPUTY TODD BRIEN, #58698  
**FROM:** SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI  
**SUBJECT:** CHARGES RE: AI-22-013

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, May 4, 2022, 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 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.4(d), Performance of Duty.

Synopsis: While on-duty and assigned to the city of St. Pete Beach, you were performing your city duties by patrolling the beach.

While traveling south in the high sand in your agency-issued Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4, you turned west towards the water to look for potential ordinance violations. As you drove towards the water, you recognized a couple sitting in beach chairs facing south in the sand. You pulled alongside the couple on the driver's side of your Tahoe and engaged them in conversation. As you approached the couple, a female lying on a beach towel in the sand was visible to the north of where you eventually stopped your vehicle.

While remaining in your vehicle, you spoke to the couple for approximately six minutes. Your view of the female lying on the beach towel to the north was obstructed by the A-pillar of your vehicle. During this time, you were dispatched to a call for service north of your location. Prior to being en route to the call, you attempted to contact the location using your cell phone. After determining you needed to respond, you terminated the phone call, ended your conversation with the couple and started to drive towards the call. As you turned right and started driving north, the female lying on the beach towel to the north was still not visible. The front driver's side tire of your vehicle struck the female on the beach towel. As a result, the female sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to the hospital.

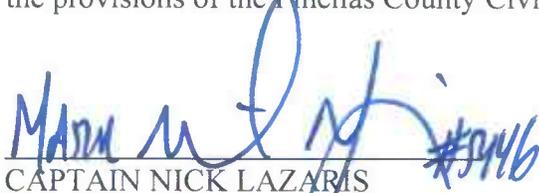
During your Administrative Interview, you testified you unintentionally struck the female due to your obstructed view; however, took full responsibility for your actions.

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Three Rule and Regulation violation totaling fifteen (15) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in fifteen (15) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is a Written Reprimand to a twenty-four (24) hour Suspension.

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

  
CAPTAIN NICK LAZARIS #5046  
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU  
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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