


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

**DATE:** APRIL 19, 2023

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION

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

**SUBJECT:** SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Lieutenant Scott Peterson, #55629, will receive the following as a result of AI-22-037:

1. Written Reprimand

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

**DATE:** APRIL 17, 2023  
**TO:** LIEUTENANT SCOTT PETERSON #55629  
**FROM:** SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI  
**SUBJECT:** CHARGES RE: AI-22-037

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, December 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: On December 4, 2022, while on duty at the Pinellas County Jail, you were assigned as the North Division Shift Commander.

Upon notification of a use of force, you responded to cell 2H4-A4, which housed an inmate on suicide risk. Upon your arrival the inmate was secured, but due to his demeanor you approved the inmate's placement in the Pro-Strait Safety Chair so he could deescalate.

You spoke to the members involved as a group and later watched the video of the use of force. Upon your review of the video, you identified that one member brushed over the inmate's foot with a push broom several times during the cell inspection. Although you stated it is not appropriate to touch an inmate with a broom, you did not speak to the member about the action to determine their intent. You did not review video of the Pro-Strait Safety Chair placement, and therefore, did not identify additional deficiencies by the same member.

After the reports were Level 1 approved, you discussed with the approving sergeant your dislike of the word "aggressively" in one of the member's reports regarding the pushing motion the inmate made with his foot towards the broom. Even though you "didn't feel like it fit the action" you Level 2 approved the report anyway. You did not request the member detail in their report that the broom brushed over the inmate's foot because "I

didn't really think it was pertinent at the time"; however, stated "the pushing of the broom touching the foot I believe is what started this use of force."


During your Administrative Interview, you admitted you did not address the verbiage used in the member's report directly, nor did you direct the sergeant to do so, stating, "I think that conversation was towards the end of the shift so we kind of let it go at that point." When you returned for your next shift, the misrepresentation of facts in the report was still not addressed and you could not provide a reason as to why.

You admitted to this violation.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of one (1) Level Three Rules and Regulations 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 from Reprimand to 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.

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

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