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

DATE: JUNE 27, 2024

TO: **DISTRIBUTION**

CAPTAIN ROBERT OSTERLAND FROM:

Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Geoffrey Moore, #61568, will receive the following as a result of AI-24-004:

1. Written Reprimand

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PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 21, 2024

TO: DEPUTY GEOFFREY MOORE, #61568

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-24-004

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, March 30, 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 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.4(d), Performance of Duty.

Synopsis:

On March 30, 2024, at approximately 1641 hours, while on duty in the City of Indian Rocks Beach, you were monitoring the pedestrian crosswalk at Gulf Boulevard and 15th Avenue. Your patrol vehicle was stationary, facing northbound on the east side of the roadway. While seated in your vehicle with your left hand extended out the driver's window, an unknown white male bicyclist on a green motorized electric bicycle intentionally slapped your left hand as he rode past your vehicle and continued northbound.

After pulling alongside the bicyclist, you gave him lawful commands to stop, however, he failed to comply and fled. With your emergency lights and siren activated, you pursued the bicyclist for a short distance until he drove through a construction zone and you lost sight of him.

While circulating the area, you observed the bicyclist riding through the neighborhood. After pulling alongside him, you again issued lawful commands to stop, but he continued to flee. As you were both traveling side-by-side, the bicyclist made a wide turn, altering his path of travel. During this turn, you drove into the bicyclist's path, striking his front tire and causing him to lose control and fall to the ground, resulting in minor injuries.

During your Administrative Interview, you testified that you drove your vehicle into the bicyclist's path of travel. You stated that you experienced tunnel vision and allowed your ego to influence your decisions during the incident.

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 a 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.

MAJOR NICK LAZARIS
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU

FOR BOB GUALTIER, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 06-27-2024

Time 1240

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