

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

**DATE:**           **JANUARY 18, 2017**

**TO:**             **DISTRIBUTION**

**FROM:**         **CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY <sup>RW</sup>**  
                      **Professional Standards Bureau**

**SUBJECT:**     **AI-17-001 TERMINATION**

On January 18, 2017 at 0800 hours, Deputy John Farese, #59309, was terminated per Sheriff Gualtieri, as a result of AI-17-001.

On January 10, 2017, Deputy Farese was arrested by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office for Domestic Battery and Tampering with a Witness.

During the criminal investigation it was determined that Deputy Farese was not truthful. Significant information provided to investigating deputies by Deputy Farese was inconsistent with evidence obtained in the criminal case and statements provided by an independent witness. In this case, compelling facts reveal that Deputy Farese was in violation of Florida State Statute as charged.

Deputy Farese is a probationary member of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. He was hired as a law enforcement deputy on July 18, 2016.

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