

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

DATE: JUNE 18, 2020

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *RW*
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Lawrence Palombo, #53828, will receive the following as a result of AI-20-004:

1. A forty (40) hours Suspension, reduced by Education Based Discipline (Review of General Order 15-2), is amended to an eight (8) hours Suspension to be served on:

June 23, 2020.

DISTRIBUTION:

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri
Chief Deputy Dan Simovich
Assistant Chief Deputy Sean Jowell
Assistant Chief Deputy George Steffen
Colonel Sean McGillen
Major Stefanie Campbell
Major Paul Carey
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Major Dennis Komar
Lieutenant Deanna Carey
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Director Jason Malpass
Shannon Lockheart, General Counsel
Payroll
Purchasing-Uniform Supply
Deputy Lawrence Palombo

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

DATE: JUNE 12, 2020

TO: DEPUTY LAWRENCE PALOMBO, #53828

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-20-004

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, December 29, 2019, 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: You engaged in the pursuit of a vehicle which violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Policy.

While responding to a call for service, you observed a vehicle driving without headlights north on 48th Street North. You began to follow the suspect vehicle as it turned in front of you on 58th Avenue and proceeded eastbound.

The suspect vehicle continued east on 58th Avenue North and turned north onto 46th Way North. After advising the Communication Center of the suspect vehicle's license plate number, you learned the suspect vehicle was reported stolen. You continued to follow the suspect vehicle as it turned east on 62nd Avenue North.

The suspect vehicle continued east on 62nd Avenue North until it reached 34th Street North, where it turned south. You continued to follow the suspect vehicle south on 34th Street North, and reached a speed of seventy three (73) miles-per-hour. While following the suspect vehicle, you were updating the Communication Center with current locations and speeds.

You continued to follow behind the suspect vehicle as it turned east onto 46th Avenue North from 34th Street. You advised the Communication Center the suspect vehicle was fleeing from you as it had just passed a civilian vehicle on this two-lane road. Your speeds are documented at seventy five (75) miles-per-hour as you engaged the suspect vehicle in a pursuit and passed two (2) civilian vehicles.

The suspect vehicle then turned north on 28th Street North from 46th Avenue North. At this time, your supervisor told you to "back off of him and watch." The suspect vehicle turned

west on 47th Avenue North, north on 31st Street North, west on 49th Avenue North, north on 33rd Street North, east on 50th Avenue North, south on 31st Street North, and west onto 47th Avenue North, back toward 28th Street North. During this time, you continued to pursue the suspect vehicle.

You advised the Communication Center you were backing off as the suspect vehicle turned south at 28th Street North and 47th Avenue North. Shortly after, the suspect vehicle struck stop sticks and continued south on 28th Street North, running the solid red traffic light at 28th Street North and 38th Avenue North. You continued to pursue the suspect vehicle and also failed to stop at the red light at 28th Street North and 38th Avenue North. Your pursuit continued six (6) more blocks until the suspect vehicle came to a stop on Lown Street North.

Throughout this entire incident, you never activated the emergency lights or siren on the fully marked vehicle you drove. This incident was also video and audio recorded by the vehicles digital recorder.

You engaged in a pursuit of the vehicle on the aforementioned roadways which was unauthorized and in violation of policy as the vehicular pursuit did not involve a forcible felony, an imminent and/or continuous threat, or any extremely dangerous driving.

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.



MAJOR DENNIS KOMAR
PATROL OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 06-17-2020

Time 18:00hrs



SIGNATURE