

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

DATE: MARCH 02, 2021

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN RAY WHITELEY *R_w*
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Albert Johnson, #58972, will receive the following as a result of AI-20-020:

1. Forty (40) hours Suspension, reduced to eight (8) hours. Remaining thirty-two (32) hours will be imposed if there is any sustained discipline within a one (1) year period from February 26, 2021.
2. Transfer to Patrol Operations Bureau

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DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2021

TO: DEPUTY ALBERT JOHNSON, #58972

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-20-020

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, September 9, 2020, 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 5.9, Unauthorized Use of Property and Equipment - Members will not appropriate for their own use, either on a temporary or permanent basis any evidence, found, stolen, or recovered property.

On September 9, 2020, you were working in the capacity of a detective and were assigned to the Narcotics Division. During your scheduled shift, you met with a patrol deputy, who provided you with a misdemeanor quantity of marijuana to use as a prop, to aid in maintaining your undercover status.

On September 10, 2020, during a meeting with supervision, you acknowledged the circumstances which led to you obtaining the marijuana and its intended purpose. It was determined that you were still in possession of the marijuana, which in total, weighed twelve (12) grams.

During your administrative interview, you admitted that at the time you were provided with this marijuana, you knew that this practice was prohibited and that this marijuana should have been submitted into Property and Evidence.

Per Pinellas County Sheriff's Office policy, all drug evidence whether found, seized, or for destruction, shall be submitted to Property and evidence.

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 DAVID DANZIG
INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

Date 3/1/21

Time 1300

 #58972
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