


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

DATE: MARCH 11, 2022

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY 
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Zachary McDevitt, #60153, will receive the following as a result of AI-21-018:

1. Forty (40) hour Suspension to be served on:

March 14, 2022 (11.5 hours), March 15, 2022 (11.5 hours), March 18, 2022 (11.5 hour), and March 19, 2022 (5.5 hours).

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

DATE: MARCH 7, 2022

TO: DEPUTY ZACHARY MCDEVITT, #60153

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-21-018

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:

Between, but not limited to, November 17, 2021 and November 18, 2021, 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: During the shift of November 17, 2021 to November 18, 2021, you were assigned to the 2H4 post of North Division at the Pinellas County Jail. This area houses inmates required to be under constant observation due to their classification status. This constant supervision is achieved through live video monitoring equipment and 15 minute security and well-being checks of the inmates and their cells.

At 1959 hours, while on post at the Officer's Station, you opened the Netflix website, signed in and positioned the website so it was only viewable in the center of one of your computer monitors. You began watching videos on your work computer and continued watching them for the majority of your 11.5-hour shift.

On November 18, 2021, at approximately 0420 hours, an inmate in your care, custody and control began vomiting a large amount of blood on the cell floor. As this occurred, you were seated at the Officer's Station with another deputy while a video was playing on a computer monitor. You failed to observe the vomit via the live cameras on two of your computer monitors as it continued to spread throughout the cell.

Approximately seven minutes later you conducted a 15 minute security and well-being check on the inmate. During this check, you failed to observe the vomit on the floor. Additionally, for the remainder of your shift you failed to recognize there was a substance on the cell floor while viewing the live cameras on the monitors at the Officer's Station. Due to this failure, you did not notify medical staff that an evaluation needed to be completed for the inmate immediately.

At shift change, you advised the incoming shift that no incidents had occurred throughout your shift. At 0739 hours, while conducting zone inspections, dayshift observed the dark substance on the floor, and after speaking to the inmate, notified medical staff. Emergency 911 was activated and the inmate was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

During your Administrative Investigation Interview, you admitted watching non-work related videos “was wrong.” You testified that you just “missed it,” in reference to the vomit on the floor. In reference to how often you would watch videos on previous shifts, you testified, “Occasional, like I said, if the night—if there’s not too much going on.”

During your Administrative Review Board, you admitted “I was distracted by the video, I was, I shouldn’t have been playing it.”

You failed to take any action while an inmate was experiencing a serious medical incident. Your failure to maintain an acceptable level of security awareness resulted in the inmate receiving delayed medical care.

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.



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

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