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

DATE:

JULY 20, 2023

TO:

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FROM:

CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY

Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Inmate Records Specialist I Patricia Farris, #57236, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-006:

1. Written Reprimand

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PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: JULY 14, 2023

TO: INMATE RECORDS SPECIALIST PATRICIA FARRIS, #57236

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-23-006

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 14, 2023, 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, Rule and Regulation 3.4(d), Performance of Duty.

Synopsis: On March 14, 2023, while on duty as an Inmate Records Specialist I (IRS I) at the Pinellas County Jail, you were assigned to the Papers, Printers, and Faxes (PPF) position. The PPF position is responsible for receiving emails and faxes from the courts relative to the charge status of Pinellas County Jail inmates.

In this case, the State Attorney's Office (SAO) emailed over a Certification with Transfer document, indicating a felony Possession of Cocaine charge was to be certified to a misdemeanor Possession of Paraphernalia charge. Additionally, the SAO sent over an Information document listing the accompanying misdemeanor Trespassing charge.

You properly executed the certification of the felony charge; however, you failed to transfer the accompanying misdemeanor charge to the new misdemeanor case number. This error resulted in a seven-day overstay for an inmate in the Pinellas County Jail.

During the Administrative Review Board you stated, "I'm truly sorry that it happened. It was a mistake. And I know I made a mistake. And I just wish that it didn't happen. But it did, and I'm sorry for it."

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 Regulation 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 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.

COLONEL PAUL CAREY

DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS

FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

I have received a copy:

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BG:PEH