

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

DATE: MAY 24, 2023
TO: DISTRIBUTION
FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY *FCO*
Professional Standards Bureau
SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Deputy Eniko Bono, #58340, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-009:

1. Forty (40) hour Suspension to be served on:
June 11, 2023 (11.5 hours), June 14, 2023 (11.5 hours), June 15, 2023 (11.5 hours), and June 19, 2023 (5.5 hours).
2. Removal from the position of Field Training Officer (FTO)

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

DATE: MAY 19, 2023

TO: DEPUTY ENIKO BONO, #58340

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-23-009

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, November 13, 2022, 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 General Order 3-1.1, Rule and Regulation 5.4 Duties and Responsibilities.

Synopsis: On November 13, 2022, an inmate housed at the Pinellas County Jail experienced a serious medical event and was later pronounced deceased. On February 14, 2023, the Death Review Board met and reviewed the circumstances surrounding the inmate's death. The board referred the case to the Administrative Investigation Division (AID) for further investigation.

The inmate in this incident was housed in North Division because he was on Respiratory Isolation due to some medical symptoms he had experienced two days prior. At the time of the inmate's death, you were temporarily assigned to Housing Unit 4H2, conducting chow relief. During this time, the inmate pressed the intercom call button located within his cell. Once pressed, it sent a visual alert notification to a computer monitor at the officer station desk. Seconds later, the inmate experienced a fatal medical event and collapsed to the cell floor. While on the cell floor, the inmate briefly raised his arms and then ceased all movement, remaining in an unnatural position on the floor.

During the aforementioned timeframe, you were at the officers station, engaged in an animated conversation with two other members. The intercom call notification from the inmate was flashing and clearly visible on the monitor. You did not respond to the intercom call, nor did you attempt to engage with the inmate. It was not discovered the inmate was having a medical event until approximately five minutes later during a well-being check.


During your Administrative Interview, you testified, "...I wasn't aware of the button pushed at that time" and later clarified you could not recall if you saw the intercom call notification on the monitor. You further stated it's "staff discretion" to answer the intercom call and it's common practice for you not to address the intercom call notification immediately when you do notice it. Regarding the inmate lying on the floor, you testified, "I can't recall seeing if I saw him laying on the ground" even though you stated you were "periodically" monitoring the cameras. You denied you were distracted by the personal conversation with the other members; however, there were no work-related activities at the time that would have hindered your ability to be monitoring the cameras. When asked if you would have done anything different during this incident, you testified, "No, ma'am. I wouldn't."

During this incident, you did not demonstrate an awareness of the inmates for which you were responsible for their care and custody. Your attention was focused primarily on a personal conversation and not your duties as a deputy.

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 a 40 hours 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
DEPARTMENT OF DETENTION AND CORRECTIONS
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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