


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

DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2023

TO: DISTRIBUTION

FROM: CAPTAIN DEANNA CAREY 
Professional Standards Bureau

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S FINDING

Per Sheriff Gualtieri, Investigative Specialist Amy Sapanara, #59009, will receive the following as a result of AI-23-016:

1. Eight (8) hour Suspension to be served on:
November 27, 2023 (8 hours).

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2023

TO: INVESTIGATIVE SPECIALIST AMY SAPANARA #59009

FROM: SHERIFF BOB GUALTIERI

SUBJECT: CHARGES RE: AI-23-016

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, July 24, 2023, while on vacation in St. Johns 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 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.3, Knowledge of, and Obedience to, Laws and Rules and Regulations.
2. You violated Pinellas County Sheriff's Office General Order 3-1.3, Rule and Regulation 3.1, Standard of Conduct.

Synopsis: On July 23, 2023, while on vacation at a rental property in St. Augustine, Florida, you and your boyfriend were involved in a physical altercation. Prior to the altercation, you and your boyfriend consumed several alcoholic beverages at a martini bar, which caused you to become intoxicated. While you were lying asleep in bed, your boyfriend confronted you about relationship issues after reading through text messages on your phone. A verbal argument ensued between the two of you, which turned physical after you escalated the situation and struck him on the arm. Your boyfriend placed you in a "bear hug" on the bed to prevent you from hitting him further before you left the room.

After the physical altercation in the bedroom, you both went outside, and he called 9-1-1 to report the incident. Once officers arrived, you told them that a physical altercation occurred and admitted to striking your boyfriend on the arm. As a result of the investigation, you were determined to be the primary aggressor and were arrested for misdemeanor Domestic Battery.

During your Administrative Interview, you testified you initiated the physical altercation "by shoving him."

During your Administrative Review Board, you testified that you were lying on the opposite side of the bed from where your boyfriend was standing when he leaned over to confront you.

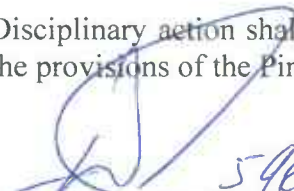
You admitted that your boyfriend was not directly in your face, and you had to get up out of bed to strike him.

You admitted to these violations.

Disciplinary Points and Recommended Discipline Range:

You were found to be in violation of two (2) Level Three Rules and Regulations violations totaling twenty-five (25) points. These points, which were affected by no modified points from previous discipline, resulted in twenty-five (25) progressive discipline points. At this point level, the recommended discipline range is from eight (8) hours Suspension to forty (40) hours Suspension.

Disciplinary action shall be consistent with progressive discipline, for cause in accordance with the provisions of the Pinellas County Civil Service Act.


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MAJOR DENNIS GARVEY
INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS BUREAU
FOR BOB GUALTIERI, SHERIFF

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Amy Saponora
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