SHERIFF
ADAMS COUNTY
SHERIFF GENE R. CLAPS

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Undersheriff Kevin Currier
**FROM:** Captain Jesse M. Treblik
**DATE:** July 6, 2026
**SUBJECT:** **Sergeant Wilfred Europe**

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At the beginning of November 2025, I was advised of an incident that occurred on October 25, 2025, involving Sergeant Wilfred Europe and an inmate who had an approximately 8 to 10-inch metal rod inserted into his rectum.

The inmate informed deputies that the object was in his rectum but claimed he did not know how it had gotten there. At some point during the incident, Sergeant Europe arrived at the housing module, and the inmate was placed in handcuffs. The inmate was then escorted to the auxiliary office adjacent to the deputy's office, where Sergeant Europe, while displaying a Taser, directed the inmate to remove the metal object from his rectum.

Upon reviewing the incident, I noted that no medical personnel were involved, which raised significant concerns regarding the decision-making process and the potential risk of serious injury to the inmate. Although Sergeant Europe did not use physical force, directing an inmate to remove a large metal foreign object presented a substantial risk of severe injury, including the possibility of internal perforation or other medical complications.

Based on these concerns, I forwarded the incident to Commander Hinrichs for investigation regarding potential violations of the Attention to Duty and Unsatisfactory Performance standards. Approximately one week later, Commander Hinrichs began a Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave that lasted approximately two months. Prior to his departure, the investigation and recommendations were not completed.

While Commander Hinrichs was on leave, I was unaware that the investigation had remained incomplete. I did not realize the matter had not been finalized until the subsequent Flatrock incident involving Sergeant Europe occurred several months later and I discovered there was no completed documentation addressing the foreign-object incident.

At that time, I requested that Commander Hinrichs complete the investigation but not recommend disciplinary sanctions, as Sergeant Europe was already on administrative leave related to the Flatrock

incident. Commander Hinrichs submitted his final memorandum on April 22, 2026, indicating that he had spoken with Sergeant Europe prior to beginning FMLA leave and advised him to exercise better judgment in the future.

Because several months had elapsed between the October 25, 2025 incident and the completion of the investigation, I believe it was no longer appropriate to impose disciplinary sanctions at that stage. Had the investigation been completed in a timely manner, my recommendation would have been at least the issuance of a Letter of Reprimand along with supplemental training regarding the appropriate handling of incidents involving foreign objects and the circumstances requiring immediate involvement of medical personnel.