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**USE of Force Report**  
**April 01, 2022 – April 30, 2022**

Total Number of Incidents for 4/1/22 – 4/30/22 – Incidents 1799

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 12

Total Uses of Force – 36

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - .667 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 8

White Female – 5

Black Male – 4

Black Female – 1

**Incidents**

**1. 22BU004444 - Attempted Suicide**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller stated that their friend was threatening suicide by ingesting a prescription medication. Upon arrival the subject refused to come to door. Along with the BFD, officers were able to have gain entry with the assistance of a property manager. The subject was upset with EMS being in her apartment. Street outreach determined based on her statements of self-harm she needed to go up to the ER to be seen by a doctor. The subject at first agreed but then refused to go to the ER. Officers attempted to take her into protective custody, she resisted and attempted to strike an officer. Officers had to place her hands behind her back and handcuffed her. While walking the subject outside to the ambulance she threw her head into the side of the apartment building. During the transport the subject calmed down and officers removed the handcuffs.

White Female Age 23, 5'07" 115 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – handcuff control technique

Subject – no injury/transported to UVMHC ER for medical reason

Officer – no injury



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**2. 22BU004556 - Unlawful Trespass**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

TSA called Burlington Police Airport Officer to a gate for the arrestee who had no ticket but had forced her way into the secure screening area. The arrestee was accompanied by an infant, strapped to her chest, and a toddler. The arrestee was minimally responsive to officers when they spoke with her. An officer asked her to stand up and leave the area with them. Upon standing, she quickly took her toddler in her arms and turned toward the secure area, attempting to push through security. An officer took her right arm to stop her, she began screaming hysterically for God to save her. She actively resisted the officers and refused to release the children. The officers escorted her into a seated position, asking her numerous times to stop resisting them and to please let the children go. She continued screaming and at one point an officer observed her left hand inside a bag as the second officer tried to control that arm. The officer alerted his partner that she was grabbing at something and the officer managed to get her arm behind her back.

The infant in the carrier was bent backwards and was crying hysterically. An officer pled with the arrestee to stop leaning forward as she was applying pressure to the infant. The officer tried to cradle the infants' head with one hand and keep her right arm secure with the other. The officer was able to pry her grip from the toddler and he was taken to safety by a TSA Agent. The officer was then able to lock out her arm and place it behind her, where she was handcuffed by the other officer. The officer was then able to remove the infant and hand her to another agent. Once the subject was handcuffed and the children were safe, officers called for rescue to evaluate everyone. All were evaluated and the arrestee declined transport to the hospital. The arrestee was transported to the Burlington Police Department for processing, was seen by Mental Health personnel and then transported to UVMHC ER.

Black Female Age 26, 6"00", 190 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – verbal direction

Officer 2 – handcuffing technique

Arrestee – no injury/later transported to UVMHC ER for mental health issue

Officer – no injury



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**3. 22BU004586 – Arrest Burglary/Violation of Court Orders**

Complainant/Officer Dispatched

Complainant Alarm Company called to state they had a commercial burglary alarm activation at a business. The first officer arrived on scene just as the arrestee was exiting the business. The arrestee looked at the officer and ran. The officer pursued on foot into a residential condominium complex where he briefly lost sight of him. The officer started checking common hallways in the complex and located the arrestee attempting to hide in the hallway in one of the buildings. The officer drew his CEW and pointed it at the arrestee and gave him orders to lie on the ground and place his hands behind his back. The arrestee did not comply with the officers orders. The officer holstered his CEW and was able to physically pull the male outside to the sidewalk so responding officer could locate them. The officer was able to handcuff the male on the ground and take him into custody. The arrestee complained of knee pain he was transported to UVMHC ER and treated for an abrasion on his knee and released.

White Male Age 33, 6'00", 180 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal directions/CEW pointed/Empty hand controls/Ground handcuffing

Officer 1 – No injury

Arrestee – Injury transported to UVMHC ER and treated for an abrasion on his knee and released

**4. 22BU004712 – Overdose/Arrest on Warrant**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller advised of an overdose occurring in a parking lot on Clark Street and hung up. Officer arrived on scene and were directed by witnesses to a male on the landing at the top of a stairway. As they approached the stairway they observed two witnesses on the landing at the top of the stairs with the subject who was wrapped in a blanket. The subject stated he needed help and was cold. The landing was small barely fitting all three at the top. The officers had the two witnesses come down the stairs and then called for the subject to come down the stairs. The subject did not comply with the officers orders. Officers ordered the subject to drop the blanket and come down the stairs. The subject reacted by standing up and running down the stairs with the blanket still on top of him. When he reached the officers at the bottom of the stairs one officer was able to grab the blanket off him. The subject then reached for the small of



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his back. Another officer feared he was reaching for a weapon and grab both of the subject forearms with his hands to prevent him from reaching the small of his back. The subject continued forward and onto the ground. The first officer was only able at this point to control his left arm. The second officer was able to secure the males right arm behind his back and the first officer was able to bring his left arm to his back and place him in handcuffs. The subject was transported to UVMC ER for evaluation. Officer learned he had a confirmed warrant for his arrest. After he was released from UVMC ER he was transported to corrections and lodged on the warrant.

White Male Age 46, 5'06" 200 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Subject – no injury – transported to UVMC for possible narcotic overdose and released

Officer – no injury

**5. 22BU004877 –Arrest Simple Assault on a Police Officer/Hate Crime/Impeding**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Caller advised of loud music coming from neighboring apartment. A Community Service Officer (CSO) and a Police Officer responded. Upon arrival Officer and CSO attempted to make contact with resident arrestee 1. The officer was issuing a noise ticket and need information from the arrestee 1. The officer asked arrestee 1 to come to the door so he could speak with him. Arrestee 1 made verbal threats to assault the officer "You open my door and I'll smash your face in" while opening the door and then slammed the door in the officer's face. Arrestee 1 then stated he was going to let his dog out to "eat you motherfucker". The officer moved back away from the door as Arrestee 1 opened the door, stated "Get him" and let a large pit bull out at the officer and CSO. The dog appeared friendly and did not attack the officer. Arrestee 1 stepped out of the apartment. The officer fearing Arrestee 1 would carry through on his assault threats drew his CEW and pointed it at Arrestee 1. The officer gave him orders to get the dog back into the apartment and Arrestee 1 complied placing the dog back inside. Arrestee 1 began giving tensing his muscles and clenching his fists, standing on his toes, red faced and yelling at the officer and CSO. Arrestee 1 stated to the officer "Shoot me" to which the officer stated he was not going to shoot him. Arrestee 1 stated to the effect he would give him a reason to shoot him. Arrestee 1 stated "get the fuck out of here bro before I slap your fucking chink face". The officer is Asian. The officer told Arrestee 1 to back up or he would deploy his CEW or pepper spray. The officer stated he would be receiving a noise ticket in the mail, turned and walked



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away. While attempting to leave the officer heard a crashing noise and turned back around to see Arrestee 1 with his fist clenched in between the CSO and himself. Fearing Arrestee 1 would assault the CSO he placed himself between them. While attempting to let the CSO leave, the officer observed Arrestee 1 open his apartment door but then quickly step towards him with his fist clenched and arm back as if to swing a punch. The officer used his hand to push Arrestee 1 back. Arrestee 1 swung and struck the officer in the hand with his fist. The officer deployed his OC and attempted to take Arrestee 1 into custody but could not. The officer and the CSO moved back outside and the Arrestee retreated to his apartment.

This started a 3 ½ hour standoff where BPD negotiators attempted to get the Arrestee 1 to exit the apartment. Arrestee 2 was inside the apartment and continued to goad Arrestee 1 into fighting the police and impeding negotiations. During this time officers learned that Arrestee 1 had two active and confirmed warrants for his arrest. The decision was made to make entry to take Arrestee 1 into custody. Multiple officer entered the apartment. Two Officers had their firearm drawn and they were pointed at Arrestee 1 and Arrestee 2. 2 Officers had their CEW drawn and pointed. Arrestee 1 (now naked) was not compliant with officer's orders to get on the ground and had to be placed there by officers and handcuffed. Arrestee 2 was non complainant but became compliant when an officer placed his CEW on him but did not discharge it and was handcuffed and taken into custody without incident.

White Male Age 45, 5'10" 165 lbs.

White Male Age 36, 5'09" 170 lbs.

5 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/CEW displayed/OC displayed/OC deployed

Officer 2 – Verbal direction ordered /Firearm active pointing

Officer 3 – CEW displayed

Officer 4 – CEW displayed/warned X3

Officer 5 – Firearm pointed/ Empty hand controls X2/Handcuffing

Arrestees – no injury

Officer – no injury

## **6. 22BU005075- Stolen Vehicle**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

At 01:18 AM Caller stated she someone had stolen her vehicle and she observed it driving east on Ledge Road. Officer quickly located the vehicle nearby and conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Officer had their firearms out and pointed at the vehicle and then at the operator



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when they called them out of the vehicle. The operator was taken into custody without incident. The operator turned out to be the juvenile daughter of the complainant and when officer learned this and her age she was immediately removed from handcuffs. The complainant/mother assumed her daughter was asleep at home and had no idea that it was her daughter who had taken the vehicle.

White Female Age 14, 5'05" 100 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm displayed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/Verbal direction ordered

Subject – no injury

Officers – no injury

**7. 22BU005394 – Arrest Assault and Robbery/Retail Theft**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Business employee called stating a female had just stolen approximately \$1000 in merchandise and when confronted by staff had taken out a knife and threatened to stab them. The arrestee was spotted by witnesses in the area of the bus terminal. An officer located the arrestee seated the terminal but kept their distance. The officer concerned she was armed with a knife gave the arrestee verbal orders to walk backwards towards him. The arrestee did walk towards him but did so facing them. The officer ordered the arrestee to turn around and place her hands behind her back. She instead began to walk away. The officer approached the arrestee and took control of her right arm. The arrestee tensed up and attempted to pull away and began to yell at the officer. The officer continued to tell the arrestee to put her arms behind her back. The arrestee continued to be noncompliant. The officer was able to bring the arrestee to the ground in a controlled manner. A second officer arrived and was able to assist the first officer in placing her into handcuffs. The arrestee was searched and a knife was located on her person. The arrestee after being brought to a police cruiser refused to get in and had to be physically picked up and placed into the cruiser.

White Female Age 40, 5'03", 175 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls



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Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

**8. 22BU005422- Protective Custody**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Father of subject called to report his son was experiencing a bad “Acid trip” and had called him for help. When the father explained to officers that his son had made suicide attempts in the past, was aggressive towards law enforcement and had experienced a bad trip before and he had fought with officers from another agency when they attempted to help him. Officers attempted to negotiate with the male through the door but were unable to make coherent contact with him. Officers were concerned the male was hurt or hurting himself. Officer made entry with a key and again attempted to establish contact with the male. The male responded to their request to come out into the hallway and agreed to be handcuffed for his safety and the officers. When officers attempted to place him in handcuffs he began to actively resist, thrashing his upper torso around and pulling away from officers. Officer brought the male to the floor to better control him where they were eventually able to place his hands behind his back and handcuff him. The male was transported to UVMMC ER by BFD for evaluation.

White Male Age 29, 5’09” 145 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal direction ordered/Handcuff Control Technique

Officer 3 – Verbal direction ordered/Empty hand controls

Subject – no injury transported to UVMMC ER for drug OD evaluation

Officers – no injury

**9. 22BU005754- Arrest Aggravated Assault with a firearm**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

Multiple 911 calls about a disturbance at a downtown bar. Callers stated arrestee pulled a firearm and pointed it employee of bar. The first officer arrived on scene and a witness pointed out the arrestee who was walking away from scene near the intersection of Main St and Church St. Due to the nature of the call involving a firearm the officer drew his firearm and held it in a low ready position and approached the arrestee. As the officer approached the arrestee fled on foot. The officer holstered his weapon and gave chase. The arrestee cast off an empty firearm



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holster as he fled. Two other officers also gave chase and stopped the male in a nearby fenced in parking area when he could not run any further. The first officer drew his firearm and pointed it the arrestee while the second officer moved to the arrestee. The arrestee placed his hands up in the air and the officer took a hold of one of the arrestee's arms and brought the arrestee to the ground in a prone position. With the assistance of a fourth officer they were able to bring the arrestees arms to his back and place him in handcuffs. Officers removed a fanny pack from the male that they did not open but had reasonable suspicion due to weight and feel contained a firearm.

The arrestee was stood up and an officer stood by with the arrestee. A short time later the arrestee pulled away from the officer and ran while handcuffed. Officer chased the after the arrestee. One officer pursuing drew his CEW and gave the arrestee commands to stop running or they would be tased. After a short foot pursuit the arrestee was taken to the ground by and officer. When this occurred the officer and the arrestee collided officer who had just reached the arrestee causing all of them to fall onto the ground. The officer that they collided with sustained an injury to his knee. Due to the collision BFD was called and the arrestee was taken as a precaution to UVMCC ER for an evaluation. The arrestee was cleared and released by UVMCC ER staff and lodged by BPD at the NW Correctional facility

Black Male Age 25, 5'10" 165 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing/Empty hand controls X2

Officer 2 – Verbal direction ordered/arm bar takedown

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officer 4 – Verbal direction orderedX2/Firearm active pointing/Empty hand controls/CEW displayed

Subject – no injury transported to UVMCC ER as precaution

Officer – injured – torn meniscus in knee

Officer – injured – strained leg muscle

**10. 22BU005758 – Reckless Endangerment**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

0544 AM Multiple callers for gunshots in the area of Pine St and Maple St. Witness observed vehicles, one a U-Haul truck, leaving the area. Witness stated they observed 2 subjects run and get into U-Haul truck before it pulled away. Officers located a U-Haul truck in the rear parking lot of a residence nearby. As officers approached the truck due to the nature of the call one





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officer drew his firearm and pointed at the truck. The officer observed the subject exit the passenger side door of the truck and run away from him, jump a chain link fence. The officer not know if the subject had a firearm, pointed his firearm and gave them verbal orders to get on the ground. The subject complied. A second officer climbed the fence and handcuffed the subject while the officer continued to point his firearm at the subject to cover them. After the subject was handcuffed the officer holstered his firearm.

Black male Age 40, 6'00" 175 lbs.(same subject from #10)

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing/Verbal commands

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

**11. 22BU005761 – Reckless Endangerment**

Complainant/ Officers Dispatched

0826 AM Multiple calls for gunshots at the residence where officer had been out at on incident 22BU005758 (see above incident). Witness gave description of vehicle leaving the area. Winooski PD located the vehicle and stopped it. One subject ran from vehicle into a residence. BPD officer responded to assist Winooski Police clearing the residence. A Burlington PD officer while on perimeter pointed his patrol rifled pointed at a male subject who came to the door of the residence and at first hostile towards the officer's presence. The officer covered the male with his patrol rifle until he was handcuffed and checked for weapons.

Black male Age 40, 6'00" 175 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm active pointing

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

**12. 22BU005761 – Search Warrant**

Officer initiated

Burlington Officers conducted a search warrant at residence for a male wanted for using a firearm in City Hall Park during a previous incident. Officer established a perimeter and 2



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officers covered the residence and pointed their firearms at subjects who exited the residence until they had been detained and searched for weapons. All subjects were detained without incident.

White Male Age 23, 5'08", 140 lbs.

White Male Age 24, 6'01" 185 lbs.

White Male Age 23, 6'00" 160 lbs.

Black Male Age 22, 5' 10" 150 lbs.

White Female Age 27, 5'03" 140 lbs.

White Female Age 22, 5'01" 110 lbs.

2 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered X2/Firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – Firearm active pointing

Subjects – no injury

Officer – no injury