

Use of Force Report August 01, 2023 – August 31, 2023 Please note definitions below when reading this report

- **General** considering or including the main features or elements of something, and disregarding exceptions
- <u>"Stated to the effect</u> "is used throughout this report to show the general idea of what someone said instead of their actual words.
- **Synopsis** a brief or general summary of something.

Total Number of Incidents for 8/1/23 – 8/31/23 –2789
Total Number of UOF Incidents – 17
Total Uses of Force – 33
Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - .6 %
Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents
White Male – 8
White Female – 4
Black Male – 5
Black Female – 0

Incidents

1. 23BU017253

8/4/23
<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u>
<u>Call type</u> – Retail Theft
<u>Charges</u> – Retail Theft

Synopsis

Loss prevention notified police that they had a female shoplifter in the store. The female fled out the rear emergency exit with a cart of items they did not pay for. A officer on scene located the female and the shopping cart alongside the building. The female pushed the cart away and ran from the officer. The officer exited their cruiser and stated to the effect for her to stop. The female continued to run. The officer radioed a second officer that the female had run in their directions. The officer followed in their cruiser. The officer lost sight of the female and returned to where they had last seen her and located her laying on the other side of a fence. The officer stated to the effect that she was under arrest. The officer attempted to grasp her arm but only managed to take hold of her shirt. The arrestee continued to pull away stretching the shirt. The second officer arrived on scene on the arrestee's side fence and was able to take hold of the



arrestee's left arm. The first officer hopped the fence and both officers had to physically place the arrestee's arms behind her back and place her in handcuffs.

Arrestee Actions - Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 - Empty hand controls

<u>Arrestee</u> - taken into custody White Female Age 35, 5'03", 120 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

2. 23BU017354

8/6/23

<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u> <u>Call type</u> – Reckless Endangerment Charges – Reckless Endangerment

Synopsis

Multiple 911 calls for gunshots at a apartment building on Church Street. This was the second response in 2 hours to this location for shots fired. Through witness statements and officers investigation they learned the suspect who fired the shots was still in the apartment building. A perimeter was set up and officer entered the building to clear it. Officers located the arrestee in an apartment in the building. The officer stated to the effect that they were under arrest and to turn around and place their hands behind their back. The arrestee refused to comply. The officer had to physically place the arrestee's arms behind their back and handcuff them.

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Passive Resistance
<u>Officer Actions</u>
Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

<u>Arrestee</u> - taken into custody Black Male Age 34, 6'02", 260 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury



3. 23BU017420

8/6/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

<u>Call type</u> – Agency Assist

<u>Charges</u> – Domestic Assault/Simple Assault on a Police officer/Disorderly Conduct

Synopsis

Colchester PD called requesting assistance as two of their officers were actively fighting with an intoxicated male in their city. Two Burlington Officers responded and arrived on scene. The arrestee was on the ground being restrained by two Colchester officers. The arrestee had already punched and spit in an officer's face. They formulated a plan to roll the arrestee onto his stomach so they could be handcuffed.

One PBD officer was controlling the arrestee's legs and the second BPD officer was holding the arrestee's left arm attempting to assist in rolling the arrestee onto his stomach. The arrestee tucked his left arm in closer to his body. The arrestee then spat in the second BPD officers face. A Colchester officer tried to move the arrestees face away from the officer. The second BPD officer stated to the effect warning the arrestee if he spat again he would be sprayed with OC. The arrestee then spat again. The officer then deployed his OC. The arrestee became continued to struggle then became compliant and the first BPD officer and the Colchester's officers were able to roll the arrestee onto his stomach and place him in handcuffs.

Arrestee Actions - Active resistant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/Verbal commands/OC threatened/OC deployed

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

<u>Arrestee</u> - taken into custody White Male Age 17, 5'11", 280 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury
Officers – no physical injury/arrestee spat in face

4. 23BU017516

8/7/23

Officers initiated

Call type - Violation of Conditions of Release

<u>Charges</u> – Violation of Conditions of Release



Synopsis

While on patrol in City Hall Park Three officers observed a male consuming an alcoholic beverage. An officer stated to the effect for the male to stop but the male did not. A group with the male did stop. Officer caught up to the male who stated at first he did not hear the officer. The male refused to identify himself but was recognized by one of the officers. A check of court conditions of release showed the male was not to be in possession of alcohol. The arrestee was taken into custody. While being searched the arrestee tensed up, pushed back against the officer holding him. The officer had to use physical force to push the arrestee up against the cruiser to prevent him from moving.

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Active resistance <u>Officer Actions</u> Officer 1 – Empty hand controls

<u>Arrestee</u> - taken into custody White Male Age 19, 5'08", 145 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

5. 23BU017710

8/9/23

Officer Initiated

<u>Call type</u> – Arrest on Warrant

<u>Charges</u> – Arrest on Warrant/Simple Assault on a Police Officer/Disorderly Conduct/Impeding

Synopsis

Two officers on duty observed a female who they knew to have an arrest warrant. Once confirming the warrant they approached the female and her girlfriend stated to the effect that she had a warrant. Officers allowed the arrestee to give her personal items to her girlfriend and for them to embrace and say good bye. The arrestee suddenly took off running. Officers pursued her on foot. One of the officer caught hold of her left arm but the arrestee continued to pull away. The officer brought her to the ground in a controlled manner. The second officer had taken hold of the arrestee's right arm. Initially on the ground the arrestee was on her back and in that position brought her right leg back and then kicked it out striking the officer in the knee. One officer stated to the effect for the arrestee to roll onto their stomach to which the arrestee did not comply. The two officers had to physically roll the arrestee onto her stomach. One officer then held the arrestee's legs while the second physically moved her arms to her back and placed her into handcuffs.



<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/take down/empty hand controls
Officer 2 – Verbal Commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

<u>Arrestee</u> - taken into custody White Female Age 26, 5'08", 170 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – slight injury to knee

6. 23BU017985

8/12/23

<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u>

<u>Call type</u> – Disorderly Conduct

<u>Charges</u> – Disorderly conduct

Synopsis

Two officers on Church Street observed an irate female that had just been served legal paperwork from another officer who was no longer on scene. The female was yelling and screaming. The officers approached and attempted to speak with her but it did not resolve her behavior. The officer left the area in hopes that their absence would calm the female. The female continued her yelling and screaming. The officers were approached by several subjects who spoke with them concerning the female. The female then walked by the officers pushing a cart and yelling. The officers observed the female then approached a random male and got in their personal space. The officer approached the female and stated to the effect that she was under arrest for Disorderly Conduct. The arrestee stated to the effect that she was not and walked away. The officer went after the arrestee stating to the effect for her to stop. The officer caught up to the arrestee and one officer took hold of the arrestees left arm and told her to place her arm behind her back. The arrestee refused to let go of the cart and the officer had to use their other hand to physically remove the arrestee's left hand from the cart. The officer then moved the arrestee's hand behind their back. The arrestee continued to try and pull away. The second officer took hold of the arrestee's right arm and hand and physically brought it behind the arrestee's back and placed the arrestee in handcuffs.

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

<u>Arrestee</u> - taken into custody



White Female Age 43, 5'07", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

7. 23BU018302

8/15/23
<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u>
<u>Call type</u> –Burglary
<u>Charges</u> – Burglary

Synopsis

Subject had broken into ex-girlfriends residence and had been observed on security camera. Officer arrived on scene and the subject barricade himself in the residence stating he had a knife. Officers negotiated for approximately 3 hours with no progress. An officer deployed less than lethal munitions — pepper ball into the area the subject was barricaded in this appeared to cause the subject to cough but they did not exit. After approximately 45 minutes more of negotiations a second officer deployed an OC vapor into the area the subject was barricaded.

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – LLM deployed -Pepper ball Officer 2 – OC vapor deployed

Arrestee -

White Male Age 55, 5'11", 195 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury from UOF Officer – no injury

8. 23BU018530

8/18/23
Officer Initiated
Call type – Suspicious Event
Charges – Armed Robbery

Synopsis

An officer observed a male subject he knew was wanted by South Burlington Police for an armed robbery, committed with a firearm. The officer parked and exited his vehicle and approached the area he observed the male. The officer observed the male was walking away from him and the officer stated to the effect calling out the male's name and telling him to



stop. The male appeared ignore the officer and continued to walk away. The officer stated to the effect the male was under arrest to which the male began to run from the officer. The officer lost sight of the male. A perimeter was set up with other local and federal officers assisting in the search for the male. An Officer observed the arrestee down an alley and pointed his firearm at the arrestee before the arrestee ducked around and corner into a backyard. An officer then located the arrestee hiding under a paddle board in a backyard. Three officer approached the male with their firearms pointed at the male. One officer holstered his firearm and physically pulled the arrestee out from under the paddle board. Once out the officer rolled the arrestee onto his stomach and placed the arrestee's right arm behind his back. A second officer holstered their firearm, approached and took the arrestee's left arm and placed it behind the arrestee's back. A fourth arriving officer compliantly applied handcuffs. Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Fire arm pointed/Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Fire arm pointed/Verbal commands

<u>Arrestee</u> - taken into custody transferred to South Burlington PD custody Black Male Age 33, '6'01", 180 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

9. 23BU018604

8/19/23
<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u>
<u>Call type</u> – Robbery
<u>Charges</u> – Assault and Robbery

Synopsis

Multiple 911 calls for a male robbing another male at knife point. While en-route officers were given a description and area the suspect was last seen. A officer near the area observed the suspect who ran from the officer. The officer called out the foot pursuit. Two officers observed the suspect in an alley way next to a parking garage. The suspect looked at the officers and hopped a short wall and ran into the parking garage. One officer entered the front of the parking garage with their firearm drawn. That officer came in contact with the suspect. The officer stated to the effect for the suspect to get on the ground and pointed their firearm at the suspect. The suspect got on their knees but did not prone out. The second officer approached the kneeling suspect from behind and using their foot pushed the suspect onto their stomach.



Once prone the officer physically placed the arrestee's arms behind his back and placed the arrestee in handcuffs.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance/Passive Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal Commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Pushed with foot/Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee -

White Male Age 32, 5'10", 155 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

10. 23BU018717

8/21/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

<u>Call type</u> – Trespass

Charges – Burglary

Complainant called and stated to the effect that a male subject had broken into a secured area of Burlington Electric Department. An officers arrived on scene and located the suspect dressed all in black near the fence line of the secured area. One officer drew their firearm and pointed it at the suspect and stated to the effect for them to show their hands. The suspect was compliant, showing their hands. The suspect was compliantly placed in handcuffs and taken into custody. Burglary tools were located on the arrestee.

Synopsis

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Arrestee -

White Male Age 35, 5'07", 185 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

11. 23BU0 18810

8/22/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Assault

<u>Charges</u> – Simple Assault/Felon in possession of a Firearm/Resisting arrest

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Synopsis

Victim approached a BPD CSO and stated they had been assaulted and gave a description of the suspect. An officer in the area of the assault observed a male subject matching the description of the suspect. The officer approached the male, as the male began to walk away from the officer and stated to the effect if he could speak with him. The male suspect continued to walk away. The officer jogged up to the male and took hold of the suspects arm to stop them from walking away. The suspect pulled free from the officers grasp and ran. The officer pursued the suspect and was able to grab them around the waist and pull them to the ground. Once on the ground the officer had to physically move the suspect's arms behind his back and place him in handcuffs. The suspect was carrying an over the shoulder bag that was open. Officers observed the handle of a firearm in the bag. A loaded firearm was recovered from the bag. The suspect was positively identified by the victim. An officer told the suspect he was under arrest. At the cruiser the arrestee was being searched. The arrestee continued to struggle and pull away from officers holding him. Officer decided to bring the arrest to the ground in a controlled manner. Once on the ground one officer had to hold the arrestee's legs while a second officer completed the search. Officers observed a small cut on the arrestee's forehead and contacted BFD to respond. The arrestee refused all medical services from BFD.

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal Commands/Empty hand controls/take down/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal Commands/Empty hand controls/take down

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls of legs

<u>Arrestee</u> – taken into custody and lodged at correctional facility Black Male Age 44, 5'09", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – small cut to forehead/refused medical services Officers – no injury

12. 23BU019039

8/24/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

<u>Call type</u> – Stolen Vehicle

<u>Charges</u> – Driving with a Criminally Suspended License/Impeding a Public Officer

Synopsis

A Burlington Parks and Recreation employee called in a truck they believed was stolen located in the parking lot of Leddy Park. An officer arrived on scene and located the vehicle, observed there was no operator but did observe drug paraphernalia in the front seat. The trucks license



plate was did not belong on the vehicle, the vehicle was not registered but the truck was not stolen. The officer removed the plate and left the scene. A CSO was dispatched to stand by with the vehicle while waiting for a tow truck to remove it. When the CSO arrived they observed a male subject that was overdosing in the front seat. BFD responded as well as an officer. The male subject refused treatment from BFD. The officer spoke with the male concerning the vehicle and also through the course of his investigation learned the male's privilege to operate a motor vehicle in the state of Vermont was criminally suspended. The officer was also concerned the male was under the influence of narcotics. When the officer stated to the effect that the male had to gather his belongings and the vehicle would be towed the male leapt into the driver's seat and slammed the truck door. The officer attempted to open the door before the male started the truck. As the officer opened the truck door the male slammed the door shut, trapping the officer's arm. The officer was in fear the male would drive off with his arm pinned in the door and dragging the officer alongside the truck. The officer was able to force open the door but was unable to remove the male. The officer took hold of the male's right arm and stated to the effect for the male to exit the vehicle but the male refused. The officer removed his OC spray as the male kicked at him and pointed it at the male. The male then complied with the officer and was taken into custody without further incident.

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Active Resistance

<u>Officer Actions</u>

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/OC Displayed

Arrestee -

White Male Age 35, 5'08", 180 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

13. 23BU019053

8/24/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

<u>Call type</u> – Violation of a Protection Order

Charges – Violation of a Protection Order/Resisting Arrest/Disorderly Conduct

<u>Synopsis</u>

The plaintiff in a protection order called police and stated to the effect that a female subject had violated a protection order that the victim had against her. Upon arrival the two officers located the victim and obtained a sworn statement. The officers located the female suspect and stated to the effect that she was under arrest for the protection order violation. The arrestee was began to scream. The officer took hold of the arrestee's left arm and she attempted to pull



away from the officer. The second officer took hold of the arrestee's right arm she again struggled, twisting her arm and breaking free. The officers stated to the effect for the arrestee to place her arms behind her back. The arrestee did not comply. The arrestee brought her arms close to her body trying to defeat the officers moving her arms behind her back. An officer brought her to the ground in a controlled manner. Once on the ground the arrestee began to kick at the officers. One officer held the arrestee's legs to prevent this. The other officer moved the arrestee to her stomach. Once on her stomach the second officer continued to control her legs and the second officer had to physically move the arrestee's arms behind her back and place her in handcuffs. While walking the arrestee to the cruiser she continued to yell, scream and struggle against the officers until she reached the police cruiser.

Arrestee Actions - Active Resitance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 - Verbal commands/empty hand controls/Controlled take down/handcuffing Officer 2 - Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee -

White Female Age 43, 5'07", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officers – no injury

14. 23BU019215

8/25/23
<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u>
<u>Call type</u> – Retail Theft
<u>Charges</u> – Retail Theft

Synopsis

Loss prevention had contacted officer stating a male suspect was preparing to leave the store with items they had concealed. The suspect exited the store bypassing all methods of payment. The Loss Prevention officer attempted to recover the stolen property outside the store and the suspect pulled back their left hand in a fist. The officer believed the suspect was going to assault the loss prevention officer. The officer stated to the effect police department and moved in taking hold of the suspect's right arm. The officer repeatedly stated to the effect for the suspect to place his hands behind his back. The suspect attempted to pull away but quickly complied with the officer's requests. The officer was able to place the arrestee into handcuffs.

Arrestee Actions – Assaultive

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal Commands/Empty hand controls/handcuffing



<u>Arrestee</u> – taken into custody White Male Age 43, 5'04", 165 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury Officer – no injury

15. 23BU019425

8/28/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Sexual Assault

<u>Charges</u> – Sexual Assault/Simple Assault/Assault on a Law Enforcement officer/Resisting Arrest/Person prohibited from possessing firearms

Synopsis

An employee of a downtown bar called police and stated to the effect that they had been assaulted while working. The employee stated to the effect that the suspects were two black males and that the employee had recovered a firearm in a sweatshirt left behind by one of the males. The employee stated to the effect that the males were in the parking lot across the street from the bar. An officer arriving on scene observed a male matching the description of one of the suspects crouch down by the front of a vehicle as two other police cruisers pulled into the parking lot. The officer then observed the suspect stand up and quickly start walking away from the two police cruisers. The officer approached the suspect and told him to stop several times. The suspect stops and then walks towards the officer and approaches the suspect. The officer asks the suspect if he was involved in a fight and the suspect states to the effect he was not. The officer observes a small shoulder bag over the suspects shoulder and states to the effect that he is going to pull it off him use he does not know if the suspect has a gun on him or not, the suspect says no I don't, the officers he is not going to look inside of it. The suspect initially starts take off the bag but then turns and start to reach for the bag. The officer fearing the suspect was attempting to access a firearm takes hold of the suspect and the bag. The suspect tries to run and the officer holds onto the bag and the suspect. The male continues to try and flee pulling the bag with him. The officer hangs on until both fall onto the ground. The suspect get up first as the officer hangs onto the bag. The suspect then tries to take the bag from the officer who is still on the ground. The suspect takes hold of the strap but the officer has a hold on the bag. The suspect then punches the officer in the head, falling onto the ground in the process and the bag falls onto the grass. The officer and the suspect both struggle for the bag. The suspect grabs it and starts to stands up when he is tackled to the ground by the bar employee who had called police. The officer gets up and reaches under the suspect and grabs the hands of the suspect who is prone on the ground, the bag underneath



him with the employee on top of him. A second officer arrives and is able to remove the suspect's right arm from underneath him and place it behind the suspects back. The first officer is able to remove the suspects left arm and place the suspects arm behind his back. Two more officers arrived and were able to have the employee get off the suspect and the third officer controlled the suspect's legs as they were kicking. The fourth officer assisted in handcuffing the male. Officer were able to see into the unzipped bag and observed the grip and hammer of a firearm in the bag.

Arrestee Actions - Assaultive

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officer 4 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

<u>Arrestee</u> -

Black Male Age 26, 5'10", 175 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury from UOF Officer – injured from punch to head by arrestee.

16. 23BU019604

8/29/23
<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u>
<u>Call type</u> – Juvenile Problem
<u>Charges</u> – none

Synopsis

911 caller reporting a twelve year old male holding a shard of glass to his neck threatening self-harm. Upon arrival a family member physically carried (cradled in both arms) the juvenile out of the residence and stated to the effect here he is, take him. The family member then starts to put the juvenile down and the officer takes hold of the juvenile's arms and assists the family member in putting the juvenile down in a seated position on the steps to the residence. The officer states to the effect for the juvenile to sit down and the juvenile remains seated but attempts to remove the officer's hands. The officer loses his grip and the juvenile immediately attempts to run away. The officer is able to take hold of the juveniles arm and pull him back. While doing this the officer continues to speak with the juvenile in a calm voice at one point stating to the family members to stop yelling. The juvenile continues struggle and to try and get away from the officer. The officer finally gets the juvenile to sit down again. A short time late the juvenile again gets up and runs. The officer has to take hold of the juvenile. The juvenile



states to the effect he is going to kill all of them. The officer escorts the juvenile to the cruiser and after a struggle places him into the back of the cruiser. The juvenile then continuously kicks the inside of the cruiser. The juvenile is transported to BPD. Officer learn that the juvenile is in DCF custody and they request he is transported to UVMMC ED. At the hospital a second officer had to take hold of him to prevent him from grabbing item in the room they were in while a room in the hospital was being readied. Once the room was ready the officer had to guide the juvenile with his hand on the juveniles back into the room with the juvenile pushing back against the officer. In the room the officer once again had to hold onto the juvenile to prevent them from grabbing items in the room. Hospital staff eventually took custody of the juvenile and the officers left.

Subjects Actions – Active Resistance
Officer Actions
Officer 1 – empty hand controls
Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Subject -

Black Male Age 12, 5'06", 80 lbs.

Subject – no injury/ transported to UVMMC ED per DCF request Officers– no injury

17. 23BU0019653

8/30/23

<u>Complainant/Officers Dispatched</u>

<u>Call type</u> – Wanted Subject

<u>Charges</u> – not located at the time of this report

Synopsis

Officer had contact with the suspect earlier in the day. Officers learned he had a warrant for his arrest. The suspect had eluded the officer's attempts to take him into custody. Later in the day officers located a vehicle he was operating near several residence he had ties to. As officer responded to the area an officer observed the suspect go over a fence with a firearm in his hand. A short time later an officer observed the suspect who pointed and stated to the effect he want that way. The officer called the suspect by his name. At this point the suspect reached into his waistband and stated to the effect that he was going to blow his brains out. The officer drew his firearm, moved back to cover and pointed it the suspect. The officer stated to the effect for the suspect to stop as the suspect ran from the officer. The officer eventually lost the suspect when he jumped over a fence.



A short time later an officer observed the suspect on a bicycle nearby. The officer ran to their cruiser and followed the suspect. The suspect stopped at an intersection at a nearby shopping plaza. The officer stopped and exited the cruiser. Due to the threat of a firearm the officer took cover at his cruiser, drew his firearm and pointed at the suspect. The suspect turned and reached for his waistband, stating to the effect do it, do it. The officer gave verbal commands for the suspect to stop but the suspect ran off and the officer lost sight of him.

<u>Arrestee Actions</u> – Active resistance Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

<u>Suspect</u> – not located White Male Age 52, 5'08", 200 lbs.

Suspect – no injury Officers – no injury