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**USE of Force Report**

**February 01, 2024 – February 29, 2024**

**Please note definitions below when reading this report**

- **General** - considering or including the main features or elements of something, and **disregarding** exceptions
- **“Stated to the effect”** 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 2/01/24 – 2/29/24 – 2005

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 16

Total Uses of Force – 40

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – .79%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 5

Black Female – 0

White Male – 10

White Female – 8

Asian Male –1

**Incidents**

**1. 24BU002609**

2/04/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

**MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE**

Call type – Disturbance

Charges – Disorderly Conduct/Interference with Law Enforcement

**Synopsis**

A caller stated to the effect that a female subject was gesturing wildly and screaming at pedestrians. A second witness stated to the effect the female subject had raised a fist towards a pedestrian and caused them to cross the street to get away from her. Officers arrived on scene and located the female subject. An officer spoke with her attempting to find out what was wrong. The female stated to the effect she had pain all over her body, specifically her foot. The officer stated to the effect they were willing give her a ride to the ED to help her. The female refused the offer, ranting about the hospital not helping her, and turned her back on the officer to speak and gesture at vehicles passing by. The female then started to walk away. The officer



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stated to the effect that she was being detained to which the female stated to the effect that no, no I'm not and ran from the officers. Two officer chased after the female. One officer took of her backpack stopping her. The second officer took hold of her left arm while the first officer, after removing her backpack, took hold of her right arm. The first officer stated to the effect to the female that she was under arrest. The two officers had to physically maneuver the arrestee against a wall to assist in getting control of her. An officer stated to the effect for the arrestee to stop resisting. The arrestee continued to actively resist, pulling her arms away, spin around and thrash her body. This continued after officers had maneuvered the arrestee to the cruiser and were searching her. The arrestee was transported to UVMMC ED by BFD at her request, with two officers riding in the ambulance, as the arrestee continued to thrash around on the stretcher.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody/brought to UVMMC ED for evaluation/issued citation

White Female Age 40, 5'07", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury from UOF

Officers – no injury

**2. 24BU002804**

2/07/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Search Warrant

Charges – Narcotic Distribution

Synopsis

While serving a search warrant at a residence an officer was approaching a vehicle that was parked near the residence. The officer had their firearm out and encountered a female subject in the driver's seat. The officer stated to the effect for the female to show her hands. The female subject complied and the officer had her exit the vehicle with her hands in the officer's view. The female complied and exited the vehicle. The officer holstered their firearm and compliantly handcuffed the female. The female was detained and then taken into custody.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing



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Arrestee – taken into custody  
White Female Age 46, 5’06”, 208 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury  
Officer – no injury

**3. 24BU003178**

2/11/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Unlawful Trespass

Synopsis

Property manager called stating to the effect there was a male subject sleeping a vacant apartment and would be there to trespass them. Officers arrived, observed the male subject through a window and made their way to the open door of the apartment. An officer drew his firearm and from the doorway pointed it at the male and stated to the effect for them to stand up, interlace his hands on his head and face the closest wall. The male complied and was compliantly handcuffed and taken into custody.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Arrestee – taken into custody/processed and released on citation  
White male Age 35, 5’10”, 170 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury  
Officer – no injury

**4. 24BU003232**

2/12/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Simple Assault

Charges – Simple Assault/Violation of Court Orders

Synopsis

A caller stated to the effect that there was a fight between a male and female, the woman appeared to be punching and kicking the male. Officer arrived on scene and located the male



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and female who were now separated. After investigating the incident an officer had probable cause to arrest the female for simple assault and violation of court conditions. The officer stated to the effect to the female that she was under arrest. The officers allowed the female to finish her cigarette if she walked to the cruiser. The arrestee at first complied but then stopped walking. One officer took hold of her right arm as she attempted to sit on the ground and the second officer took hold of her left arm. The officers then escorted the arrestee to a wall to keep her standing upright and to attempt to place her into handcuffs. The arrestee would not move her hands to her back and continued to tense up her arms. Both officers had to physically place the arrestee's hands behind her back. The officers were able to place the arrestee into handcuffs. While searching the arrestee, she attempted to kick one of the officers.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody

White male Age 40, 5'04", 125 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**5. 24BU003241**

2/12/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Recovered Stolen Property

Charges – Operating without Owners Consent/Possession of Stolen Property/Arrest on Warrant

Synopsis

The caller had stated to the effect that a female was overdosing and male had walked away from the vehicle. Officer arrived on scene but learned that the male had returned, gotten into the vehicle and left. The vehicle description matched a reported stolen vehicle. An officer checking the area located the vehicle parked on N Winooski Ave. A high risk motor vehicle stop was conducted with three officers. All three officers had their firearms out and pointed at the male and female located in the vehicle. One officer called out the driver, who complied and placed the male in handcuffs. The officer then called out the female passenger, who initially did not comply, a third officer gave commands to the female who then complied. As the female backed up the third officer took hold of her hands. The female was compliantly handcuffed. The male was arrested for possession of stolen property and operating without owners consent. The female was arrested on multiple confirmed warrants.



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Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm Pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed/empty hand controls

Arrestee – male taken into custody/processed and released on citation. Female – taken into custody and lodged on bail warrant.

White male Age 61, 5’07”, 170 lbs.

White Female Age 26, 5”00, 100 lbs.

Arrestees – no injury

Officers – no injury

**6. 24BU003308**

2/13/24

Officer initiated

Call type – Eluding Police

Charges – Attempting to Elude a Police officer/Operating without Owners Consent/Possession of Stolen Property

Synopsis

An officer was canvassing an area of downtown attempting to locate a stolen vehicle that had fled from him. When the vehicle fled he had observed two subjects in the vehicle. The officer observed the vehicle and pulled up nearby and observed two males next to the vehicle. Due to the extreme disregard for human life the officer had observed the operator of the vehicle exhibited while fleeing earlier the officer feared for their safety when confronting the subjects. The officer exited his vehicle and drew his firearm, pointing it at a male subject on the driver’s side. The two males immediately stated that the people he was looking for had fled from the vehicle behind a nearby residence. The officer was able to discern the males were telling the truth and holstered his firearm.

Subjects Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Subject – spoke with officer not detained

Black male Age 44, 6’03”, 245 lbs.



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Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

**7. 24BU003402**

2/14/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Recovered Property Aggravated Operation without Owners Consent

Charges – Aggravated Operation without Owners Consent

Synopsis

Officers were dispatched to the area College St and Willard St for a stolen vehicle that had been spotted. Officers learned of another possible area and an officer went to that area to canvass for the vehicle. That officer located the vehicle in a parking lot occupied by three subjects. The officer called several more units and a high risk motor vehicle stop was conducted. One officer had their firearm out and pointed at the male operator when they were called out of the vehicle and taken into custody. A second officer had their firearm and officer kept his firearm out but did not point it at the two female passengers as they were called out and placed into handcuffs. A third officer had their firearm out and pointed at the final female occupant, while giving verbal commands to the female subject. Once the female was near the officer, the officer holstered their weapon and took control of the female's right arm and walked her to a secured area and compliantly handcuffed her.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal Direction Advised /Firearm pointed/Firearm displayed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Fire arm displayed

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody

White male Age 40, 5'04", 125 lbs.

Subject – investigative detention and released

White Female Age 40, 5'09", 160 lbs.

White Female Age 42, 5'05", 225 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Subjects – no injury

Officer – no injury



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**8. 24BU003506**

2/16/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Domestic Assault

Charges – Aggravated Domestic Assault

Synopsis

A caller stated to the effect that his parents were hitting each other, with yelling and screaming in the background. A second caller stated to the effect to hurry up and that his father is slapping and punching his mother. Officer arrived on scene and separated the male and the female. An officer was standing by with the male subject. The male subject appeared distraught to the officer. The male would not remain still and seated and the officer was concerned the male would enter the hallway where the female was. The officer took hold of the males arm and moved it behind his back and compliantly handcuffed the male and detained him. The male was later arrested for aggravated domestic assault.

Arrestees Actions – compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – investigative detention

Black male Age 30, 5'08", 141 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**9. 24BU003584**

2/17/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Violations of Conditions of Release/Interference with Law Enforcement/resisting arrest

Synopsis

An Officer was flagged down outside of an apartment building. The subject stated to the effect that there were 7 people trespassing inside. The officer called he was being flagged down and officers began to respond to his location. The officer entered the building and after checking several floors observed a male subject whom he is familiar with and that South Burlington Police Department was looking for in relation to a stolen vehicle. The officer attempted to detain the male who immediately fled on foot. An officer arriving on scene heard the first



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officer's radio transmission about making contact with the male subject and attempted to locate the officer on the apartment floor above him. This officer was also familiar with the male subject as he fled from this officer before during a separate incident. The second officer located the first officer and observed the male subject running down the hallway and pursued the male as well. The male subject entered a stairwell and the first officer was able to take hold of the male and they landed on the stairs going up. When going onto the stairs the first officer's legs became trapped under the male's legs. The first officer also lost his glasses thus preventing him from seeing the subject as clearly as before. The first officer attempted to gain control of the male's arm while trying to extricate his legs from under the male. The second officer stated to the effect numerous times during the incident to stop resisting and that he was being detained. The male continued to actively resist the officer's attempts to gain control of his arms and place him into handcuffs. The second officer deployed his OC. The male still continued to fight against the officers and the first officer had an OC exposure that had started to trigger an asthma attack. The second officer was able to bring the male to the landing below. The first officer reengaged despite the breathing difficulty they were experiencing. The two officers were able to gain a margin of control over the male who still continued to actively resist the two officers. This encounter had lasted over three minutes at this time. A third officer arrived and with their assistance the second officer was able to place a handcuff on the male's right wrist and then the left wrist. The second officer stated to the effect that the male was under arrest. BFD was called for the first officer and for the arrestee.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/OC deployed/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody and lodged

Black male Age 32, 5'09", 160 lbs.

Arrestee – evaluated and released by UVMMC ED for right shoulder pain

First Officer – asthma attack evaluated at UVMMC ED

Second Officer – bruising/pain in knee

**10. 24BU003612**

2/18/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Intoxication

Charges – None





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Synopsis

An officer was flagged down by a subject who stated they needed assistance with their intoxicated ex-girlfriend. The male and officer went over to the female who was laying on the ground. The female could not stand without assistance. BFD was called to evaluate her but she declined services. The male went to get his vehicle to transport the female home. While the male was gone the female tried to walk away, falling over several times while doing so. A second officer had to physically restrain her. It was determined that the female was incapacitated and that the male could not care for her as he did not have a car. The two officers had to physically place her on a stretcher for BFD. One officer had to ride up in the ambulance and physically hold the female on the stretcher as she attempted several times to sit up, kick and flail her arms.

Subject Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Subject – taken into protective custody and transported to UVMMC ED for treatment  
White Female Age 21, 5'03", 130 lbs.

Subject– no injury

Officer – no injury

**11. 24BU003639**

2/18/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Stolen Vehicle recovered

Charges – Operating without owners consent

Synopsis

Officers were called to a disturbance at a residence. While en-route officers were informed that a vehicle on scene had come back stolen from a VSP case. Once officers arrived on scene a high risk motor vehicle stop was conducted on the vehicle. The Officer had their firearms out and one officer pointed their firearm at 3 subjects as they were called from the vehicle. The two other officers firearms were displayed. All three subjects were compliant with verbal commands, compliantly handcuffed and detained. A loaded firearm was recovered from the pocket of a jacket of one of the subjects.

Subjects Actions – compliant



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Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm displayed

Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Subjects – investigative detention/released pending further investigation by VSP

White male Age 30, 5'07", 200 lbs.

White male Age 31, 6'00", 190 lbs.

White Female Age 31, 5'00" , 220 lbs.

Subjects – no injury

Officers – no injury

**12. 24BU003684**

2/19/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Mental Health

Charges – Disorderly Conduct

Synopsis

A caller stated that a male, in pajama pants was attempting to cut off his pants with a knife. Street Outreach attempted to make contact with the male but he would not engage and ran out into traffic. Officers responded to the area and attempted to make contact with the male. The male refused to speak with officers and continued to flee from them. While the male was on Park Street walking north an officer deployed 5 less than lethal rounds, three which struck the male in the upper legs and buttocks, to stop the male's advance at officers on North Street. Officers were finally able to stop and contain the male on Park Street just south of North Street in the driveway between two residences. Using three teams of officers, supervisors were able to keep the male contained. BPD's crisis negotiators then began to speak with the male trying to have him drop the knife. The day was cold, windy and with wind chills below zero. After approximately 2 hours of negotiations officers were no closer to a resolution and the environmental conditions were creating a medical emergency for the male. The male was still clad from the waist down only in boxer shorts and shoes. He was visible shaking and appeared more disoriented both signs of hypothermia. BPD had BFD drive the ambulance closer and allowed the male to see it and BFD staff ready to help him if he dropped the knife. The male still refused to follow directions to drop the knife. Three teams of officers slowly closed the gap with one officer telling the male to drop the knife. The male did not comply. The male attempted to move north on the sidewalk towards North Street again. Less than lethal munitions were then deployed again with three striking the male in the leg to stop him. The



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male then threw the knife away from himself and officers. The male was then safely handcuffed and taken into custody.

Arrestees Actions – Armed with knife/non-compliant to negotiations.

Officer Actions – this only includes UOF not negotiators actions

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/CEW displayed

Officer 3 – Verbal direction advised/Firearm pointed

Officer 4 – LLM used/CEW displayed

Officer 5 – Firearm pointed/handcuff control

Officer 6 – LLM used

Officer 7 – LLM displayed

Arrestee – taken into custody and brought to UVMMC ED by BFD/citation for Disorderly Conduct

White male Age 38, 5'05", 140 lbs.

Arrestee – bruising from less than lethal rounds/ BFD and transported to UVMMC ED for hypothermia.

Officers – no injury

**13. 24BU003808**

2/21/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Search Warrant

Charges – Narcotic Sales

Synopsis

Burlington Police officers conducted a search warrant at a residence. While clearing the residence the officers came into contact with five subjects. Officers pointed their firearms at the subjects and gave them verbal commands calling them back to the officers, officer took hold of the arrestee and subjects arms to assist in compliantly handcuffing them. Four subjects were detained and then released. One male subject was arrested.

Arrestees Action – Compliant

Subjects Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal Direction ordered/Firearm pointed



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Officer 3 – Verbal Direction ordered/Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 4 – Verbal Direction ordered/Firearm pointed

Arrestee – taken into custody

Black male Age 28, 6'00", 165 lbs.

Subjects – Investigative detention and released

White male Age 39, 6'00", 165 lbs.

White male Age 38, 5'11", 160 lbs.

White male Age 43, 5'09", 160 lbs.

White female Age 43, 5'09", 160 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Subjects – no injury

Officer – no injury

**14. 24BU004168**

2/26/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Unlawful Trespass

Synopsis

Burlington Airport Operations called Burlington Airport Police to assist with a male who had been trespassed but was refusing to leave. Officers from downtown responded to assist the airport officer. The male suspect stated to the effect they wanted to get arrested and would resist. Three officers responded to the airport to assist. Upon arrival the airport officer again explained to the male subject, who was laying on the floor, that they had to leave or they would be arrested. The male subject refused to leave. An officer stated to the male they were under arrest and to stand up. The arrestee refused to stand up. Officers physically rolled the arrestee into a prone position and had to physically place their hands behind his back. An officer controlled the arrestee's legs as one of the officers placed the arrestee into handcuffs. The arrestee continued to refuse to stand and the four officers had to physically pick up the arrestee and place them into a wheelchair. Once outside at the cruiser the officers had physically pick the arrestee out of the wheelchair, place them on the ground to be searched and the pick them up and place them in the back of the police cruiser. Upon arrival at BPD the arrestee refused to exit the cruiser and three officers had to come and assist with physically removing the arrestee from the rear of the cruiser and carrying them into a holding cell. Once finished at BPD the arrestee refused to walk to the cruiser to be transported. Officer again had to carry the arrestee and place them into the cruiser. Once at court the arrestee refused again to walk on their own and had to be carried out of cruiser and placed into a wheelchair and



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brought before a judge. In all three officers at the airport and then 3 officers downtown had to physically move the arrestee.

Arrestees Actions – Passive Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officer 4 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 5 – Empty hand controls

Officer 6 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody/processed/taken to court

Black male Age 32, 5'08", 154s lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

**15. 24BU004315**

2/28/24

Officer initiated

Call type – Disorderly Conduct

Charges – Disorderly Conduct

Synopsis

An officer on patrol in a marked police cruiser observed an apparently intoxicated male stumble into his cruiser while he was stopped at an intersection. The officer continued to observe the male walk into the roadway and cause motor vehicles to stop in order not to hit the male. The officer went out with the male and noted the male was slurring his words, had a strong odor of intoxicants emanating from his breath, watery bloodshot eyes and trouble standing. The officer attempted to place the male into custody for disorderly conduct and advised the male of this. A second officer was now on scene. When the male was advised he was being taken into custody he refused to place his hands behind his back and back away from officers. One officer took control of the arrestee's left arm and the other officer took control of his right arm. The officers were then able to physically place the arrestee's hands behind their back and one officer handcuffed them. While escorting the arrestee to the cruiser the arrestee began to plant their feet to prevent himself from walking. Officer had to physically move the arrestee to the police cruiser. Once at the cruiser the arrestee refused to get into the rear seat. The officer had to physically pick the arrestee up and place him into the rear seat.



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Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody/transported to UVMCC ED for assessment/citation  
Asian male Age 38, 5’06”, 150lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**16. 24BU004411**

2/29/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Burglary

Charges – Burglary/Violation of Court Orders

Synopsis

A Burlington Parks and Recreation employee observed subjects in the North Beach Campground office at approximately 7 PM. Officers arrived on scene and observed signs of a forced entry into the campground office. Officers did not locate anyone in the office and began to search the area. Two officers located a male subject hiding on the backside of an embankment. The officers drew their firearms and pointed them at the male subject. One officer gave the male verbal commands to not move. The male complied both officers approached the male and one holstered his firearm and place the male into handcuffs. Through their investigation officers had probable cause to arrest the male subject for burglary.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Arrestee – taken into custody/released on condition issued by judge with court date  
White male Age 34, 5’05”, 155 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury