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USE of Force Report
February 01, 2023 – February 28, 2023

Total Number of Incidents for 2/1/23 – 2/21/23 – Incidents 1699

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 18

Total Uses of Force – 36

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – %1

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 5

Black Female – 0

White Male – 6

White Female – 7

Asian Male – 1

Incidents

#1 23BU001989 Arrest Simple Assault/Disorderly Conduct/Violations of Conditions of Release
Complainant/Officers dispatched

Victim called stating they were struck in the face by a female subject when they asked her to leave their business doorway. The female was smoking a pipe in the doorway. BPD dispatch had also received calls about a female swinging pipe at people on the street. Officers arrived on scene and recognized the female. They were known to be assaultive towards police. Officer made contact with the female and asked her about any weapons. The female ignored the officers and began to reach into a bag next to her. The two officer concerned she was reaching for a weapon both officer took hold of an arm to place her in handcuffs. The female began to pull back. The officer had to physically place her hands behind her back and they applied handcuffs. Based on their investigation she was placed under arrest. As officer brought the arrestee to the police cruiser she attempted to spit on the officers. The officers had to physically hold the arrestee against the cruiser to prevent her from spitting while she was being searched. The arrestee was transported to BPD for processing. When officer attempted to move her to court the arrestee continued to attempt to stand up while officers were trying to remove handcuffs from her in the cell. An officer had to use a hand to physically push down on her shoulder to keep her seated until officers were finished.

White Female Age 34, 5'04" 175 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls



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Officers – no injury
Arrestee – no injury

#2 23BU002002 Attempted Larceny

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant called stating that a male subject had just attempted to take a package off a porch and that they had interceded. The caller stated after he confronted the male, he put the package back on the porch. The caller also stated the male was armed with a crossbow though they had not pointed the crossbow at them. An officer located the male and a second officer arrived on scene. That officer observed the male still had the crossbow in their hands. That officer drew their firearm and held it pointed down and not at the male. The other officer ordered the male to drop the crossbow and the male complied dropping a bag as well. The male then moved away from the crossbow and the officer holstered their firearm.

White Male Age 44, 5'08" 160 lbs.

1 Officers
Officer 1 –Firearm displayed

Officers – no injury
Subject – no injury

#3 23BU002025 Arrest Arson/Violation of Conditions of Release/Arson 3rd Degree/Unlawful Trespass Felony

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant called asking for assistance removing a female from their residence that they had asked to leave. Two officers arrived on scene and made contact with the female. The officer gave the female 30 minutes to gather their belongings. While in the process the female was drinking an alcoholic beverage and then stated to the officers that she had conditions of release. Officers checked those and she had conditions not to drink alcohol. The female sat down and refused to leave the residence. The officer told the female she was under arrest and one officer took control of her arm as she stood up. The second officer took control of the arrestee's right arm and had to physically place their arm behind their back. The first officer had to physically place the arrestee's left arm behind her back to allow the second officer place her in handcuffs.

White Female Age 32, 5'01" 220 lbs.

2 Officers
Officer 1 – empty hand controls



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Officer 2 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#4 23BU002031 Arrest on a Warrant/Drug possession

Officer initiated

Officer observed a motor vehicle running in a driveway. The officer was concerned due to the number of stolen vehicles in the city backed up to see if it was occupied or empty and running. The officer spoke with a female next to the vehicle. A second female approached the officer and he recognized her through previous law enforcement encounters and knew she had several active warrants for her arrest. The arrestee attempted to flee on foot. The officer was able to physically detain her after a few steps by grasping onto her right arm and jacket. The arrestee threw out a cigarette box from her pocket onto the ground and told the other female to “eat it”. Officers later discovered crack cocaine had been in the cigarette box. The officer was able to place the arrestee’s arms behind her back and a second officer compliantly handcuffed her.

White Female Age 43, 5’05” 160 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#5 23BU002341 Protective Custody

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant stated a juvenile was threatening his mother with a knife. The complainant stated at this time the juvenile and mother were separated. Officer had dealt with this juvenile before. The officers contacted DCF and the mother to formulate a plan before making contact with the juvenile. DCF explained that the juvenile was in to be transported to UVMCC ED. Officer, DCF and the mother met at the residence. Officer were able to make entry and contact with the juvenile. The officers explained they were there to help them and that they were only taking him up to the ED to meet with DCF. The juvenile buried their hands in the couch they were laying on. The officers gently took hold of their arms and pulled out their hands and stood them up. Officer continued to speak to them in calm voices. Due to his previous actions in other incidents officer had decide to place them in handcuffs. In calm voice the officers spoke with the juvenile explaining to him what they were going to do. The juvenile and the mother explained he had just had a cast removed from his arm recently. Officer immediately decided



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they would not place him in handcuffs and spoke with him asking them if he would be compliant if they didn't. The juvenile agreed and was transported to UVVMC ED without incident.

Black Male Age 12, 5'02" 160 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officers – no injury

Juvenile – no injury

**#6 23BU002461 Arrest 2nd Degree Domestic Assault/Interference with Law
Enforcement/Violation of Conditions of Release**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

911 open line with sounds of verbal argument in background came through to dispatch. The phone number mapped to a residence on a city street. While at that residence the officer heard shouting coming from the next residence over. Officer arrived at that residence and found a male and female in a verbal argument. Following the officers investigation the female was taken into custody on scene without incident. At the Burlington Police Department the arrestee became more upset and when officer attempted to place them in a holding cell they actively fought with the officers and had to be physically carried into the cell. There the arrestee began to kick and bang their head off the floor. Officers had to physically intervene to prevent the arrestee from injuring themselves. Officer decided to call BFD and have the arrestee transported to UVMMC ED by BFD to be screened. While at the ED the arrestee slipped out of one of their handcuffs and the officer attempted to replace the handcuff. The arrestee actively resisted, pulling their hands away and laying on her back to prevent the officer from placing her hands back there. UVMMC ED staff member was able to assist the officer by pulling the arrestee forward and the officer physically placed the arrestee's hands behind their back and handcuffed them together again. The arrestee began to scream and flail about kicking and screaming. UVMMC ED staff and security attempted to gain control of the arrestee and the officer assisted by crossing the arrestee's ankles and holding pinning her legs to the bed. The arrestee cleared their throat as if to spit and the UVMMC ED staff placed them in a spit hood. The arrestee eventually calmed down, was medically cleared and transported to a correctional facility.

White Female Age 46, 5'05" 155 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls X2/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officer 4 – empty hand controls



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Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury/transported to UVMCC ED for precautionary screening/cleared by UVMCC ED

#7 23BU002478 Domestic Disturbance/Violation of Conditions of Release/Protective Custody
Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant called stating there had been numerous people around his apartment building in particular to one apartment. There had been a physical altercation but that had resolved but now a female was crying and a male was yelling at her. Officer arrived on scene and located a male outside a window yelling at female inside. The window blind appeared to have been broken. Officers also observed an open bottle of vodka on the porch. An officer made contact with the male, who gave a false name, and attempted to speak with him. The male refused to speak with them and the officer explained they were not free to leave and asked them to sit on a stair while officers spoke with the female to attempt to discern what had occurred. The officer noted the male was showing signs of intoxication. The male complied and the officer asked for identification. The male at this point stood up and attempted to leave and the officer had to place their hand on his chest to prevent him from leaving. The male then turned and attempted to enter the door to the apartment where the female was located. The officer had to grasp the back of the male's sweatshirt and pull them back to prevent them from getting into the apartment. The male collapsed onto the porch floor screaming loudly. Upon hearing the commotion on the porch a second officer exited the apartment and assisted the first officer in physically moving the male's arms behind their back where the first officer was able to handcuff them. A third officer arrived on scene. The male refused to walk to the police cruiser and had to be carried by the officers. The male was placed in a prone position at the cruiser so officers could readjust the handcuffs. Due to the male's level of intoxication he was placed into protective custody. When submitting to an alcosenor at a detox facility the male had a BAC of .118. The male again complained about the handcuffs and the officer readjusted them. While doing this the officer noticed a scrape on the male's hand and had BFD respond to evaluate. The male refused medical attention and was transported to detox facility. A check of the male's real name showed he had court ordered conditions not to be around the female.

Black Male Age 20, 5'10" 160 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/handcuffing X3

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officers – no injury

Subject – scrape to hand/refused medical attention



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#8 23BU002594 Arrest Simple Assault

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Victim called 911 stating they had been punched in the face by a male who then left in a vehicle. An officer arriving on scene located the victim bleeding from the mouth. A witness stated the male had punched the victim 3 times. The victim and a witness were able to provide a description of the assailant and a license plate number and description of vehicle. From the license plate the officers were able to locate the male's residence. At the residence the officers made contact with the male who appeared intoxicated. The male was belligerent and verbally abusive while speaking with the officers. While speaking with the male outside, the witness was able to positively identify the male as the assailant. An officer advised the male they were under arrest. Due to the arrestees agitated state and the assault they had already committed an officer immediately took control of the arrestees arm. The arrestee tensed up and tried to pull their arm away. The officer was able to move the arrestee's arm behind their back and handcuff them.

White Male Age 35, 5'11" 240 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#9 23BU002645 Arrest Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Compliant called stating a male was waving around what could possibly be a fake gun around in their store and possibly stolen several retail items. The complainant provided a description and stated that after frightening customers the male had run out of the store towards City Hall Park. Three officers arrived at City Hall Park. An officer observed the male, activated their blue lights, exited their cruiser and yelled for the male to stop. The male ignored the officer's commands and walked behind a large tree. The officer drew his firearm pointed at the male and gave them orders to get on the ground. The male tossed a firearm away from themselves and then got on the ground. Two other officers joined the first officer and with their firearms drawn. The three officer approached the male, one held cover with their firearm. The remaining two officers holstered their firearms and handcuffed the male without incident.

Black Male Age 25, 5'09" 200 lbs.

3 Officers

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

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Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/handcuffing
Officer 3 – Firearm pointed

Officers – no injury
Arrestee – no injury

#10 23BU002721 Arrest Operating without Owners Consent/False information to a Police officer/Driving with a criminally suspended license

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Victim called stating they observed their stolen vehicle at a local convenience store with a male and female in it. The victim then stated the vehicle had driven off but they gave the license plate and description of the vehicle. An officer located the vehicle shortly thereafter and conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. The officer drew their firearm and pointed it at the vehicle and waited for backup. A second officer arrived on scene drew their firearm and pointed it at the vehicle. The first officer gave verbal commands to the operator to exit the vehicle and walk back to them. The arrestee complied. The officer holstered their firearm and handcuffed the arrestee. The second officer then gave commands to the passenger to exit the vehicle and walk back to them. The passenger complied. A third officer who had arrived compliantly handcuffed the passenger without incident.

White Male Age 45, 5'11" 210 lbs.
White Female Age 36, 5'08", 155 lbs.

2 Officers
Officer 1 – Firearm pointed/Verbal commands/handcuffing
Officer 2 – Firearm pointed/Verbal commands/handcuffing

Officers – no injury
Arrestee – no injury
Subject – no injury

#11 23BU003048 Arrest Violation of Court Orders

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Caller stated there was a disturbance in City Hall Park involving a male and female. The female was allegedly chasing the male with a stick. Upon arrival an officer spoke with several witnesses who stated the male was waving a knife around threatening to stab people. The officer observed the male holding a closed pocket knife in his hand walking away from him. The officer told the male to stop and drop the knife. The male ignored commands and pointed the closed knife at the officer and continued to walk away. The male finally stopped and the officer approached him. The officer could no longer observe a



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knife in the male's hand. The officer secured the male's left arm and physically brought it behind the male's back and then his right. A second officer was able to place the male's right arm behind the male's back where the first officer placed them into handcuffs without incident. The officer learned the male had court conditions not to be in contact with anyone or possess deadly weapons.

Black Male Age 25, 5'09" 200 lbs. (Same male from UOF #9)

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#12 23BU003127 Arrest Retail Theft

Officer initiated

Officer was at retail store when the loss prevention officer stated they had two juvenile females shop lifting item. The officer and loss prevention officer stopped the two female juveniles and confronted them. The two juveniles returned the stolen items. Initially one juvenile female attempted to walk away and the officer took hold over her arm to prevent her to do so. The officer explained that they would have to contact a parent and have them come and take custody of them. A parent was reached and took custody of both juveniles.

White Female Age 15, 5'01" 140 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Subject – no injury

#13 23BU003253 Arrest Simple Assault/Assault on a Police Officer/Resisting Arrest

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Several 911 calls about a disturbance on Elmwood Ave. Then the victim called dispatch and stated they had been assaulted by a male who had run off. Officer arrived on scene and through their investigation they located the male in a nearby residence. The male told the officers to arrest him and turned around and placed his hands behind his back. An Officer approached to place him in handcuffs the male turned and lunged at the officer. The first officer was able to grasp a hold onto the male's waist and a second officer assisted in bringing the male to the floor. While on the floor the male turned and spit on the two



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officers striking one in the arm and the other in the face. The arrestee attempted to grab at officers gear at one point stating "I'm going to get that gun". The arrestee continued to resist, writhing on the floor, placing their hands under their body to prevent being handcuffed. A third officer had to assist the two officers. One Officer was able to control the arrestee's legs and the other two Officers were able to physically move the arrestee's arms and hands his back and apply handcuffs.

White Male Age 27, 5'11" 170 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#14 23BU003398 Arrest Operating without Owners Consent/Eluding a Police Officer in a Grossly Negligent Manner/Operating after Suspension/Leaving the Scene of an Accident
Complainant/Officers dispatched

Victim reported her vehicle stolen from in front of school as she walked her child inside. An officer observed the vehicle and attempted to conduct a motor vehicle stop. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and attempted to elude the officer. The officer did not actively pursue the vehicle but continued to follow with the flow of traffic. The officer observed the vehicle crash into another vehicle and then the male fled on foot from said crash. The officer stopped and chased after the male on foot giving the male verbal commands to stop. The officer observed the male attempting to climb over a fence. The officer physically pulled the male down from the fence and into the snow. The officer was able to roll the arrestee over onto his stomach and place their hands behind their back and handcuff them without further incident.

White Male Age 36, 6'01" 160 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no injury



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#15 23BU003447 Arrest Violation of Conditions of Release/Resisting Arrest/Arrest on Warrant

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Complainant called stating a male was being verbally aggressive towards customers entering the convenience store they worked at. Two officer arrived on scene and located the male. Officer learned that the male had 3 active arrest warrants. An officer noted the male appeared to be intoxicated to which the male stated they had left their beer around here somewhere. After assisting the complainant with issuing a trespass to the male they informed him of the warrants and that they had to take him into custody. The officer told him to place his hands behind his back. The male raised his hands and began to back away stating "no, no, no". One officer took hold of the male's right arm to stop them from leaving. The second officer took hold of the males left arm. The male began to struggle with the officers and was told by officer to stop or they would be brought to the ground. The male continued pull away. An officer brought the male to the ground in a controlled manner. On the ground the second officer controlled the male's legs as they rolled him onto his stomach. The arrestee was then placed into handcuffs.

White Male Age 39, 5'07" 230 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#16 23BU003522 Disorderly Conduct – Impeding traffic

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Several complainant called stating a male was in traffic jumping in front of vehicles and kicking at them. Two officer arrived on scene and located the male in traffic on Riverside Avenue and N Winooski Avenue. The male attempted to walk away from the officers stating they were blind. The two officers had to walk into the roadway, stop traffic and escort the male to a cruiser. The officers took the male into protective custody, placing his hands behind his back and then handcuffing them without further incident.

Asian Male Age 22, 6'00" 190 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing



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Officer – no injury
Subject – no injury

#17 23BU003551 Domestic Disturbance

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Several complaints about an apparent domestic fight in a adjoin apartment where one complainant had heard female yelling “ow, ow”. Two officer arrived on scene and made contact with a female in the apartment. The officers observed the female appeared distraught and disheveled had been crying with her mascara smeared on her face. The female was not cooperative. Due to the appearance of the female officer asked to check the apartment to ensure there was no one injured inside. The female refused to allow them in and attempted to close the door. An officer told the female not to close the door. The female continued to attempt to close the door and the officer had to escort her out of the doorway and detained her in handcuffs. Officer located a male in the residence. The male was also uncooperative with the officers. The female was taken out of handcuffs. Both parties refused all resources offered by the officers.

White Female Age 32, 5’07” 130 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer – no injury
Subject – no injury

#18 23BU003598 Arrest Violation of Conditions of Release

Officers initiated

Two officers observed a male in City Hall Park they believed had court issued conditions to not be in City Hall Park. The officer detained the male while the conditions were checked. During this time they spoke tried to deescalate him as he had grown agitated, yelling a screaming at them and flailing his arms. Officers confirmed he had current conditions not to be in City Hall Park issued by the court. They informed him that he was under arrest for violating his conditions. The male began to back away from the officers. One officer took hold of the arrestee’s right arm and the second officer took hold of the arrestee’s left arm. The arrestee resisted by attempting to pull their arms away and walk away. The officers were able to physically place the arrestee’s hands behind their back and place them in handcuffs without further incident.

Black Male Age 25, 5’09” 200 lbs. (Same subject from UOF #9 and #11)



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2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury