



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

USE of Force Report

January 01, 2024 – January 31, 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 1/01/24 – 1/31/24 – 2092

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 11

Total Uses of Force –28

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – .5%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 7

Black Female –4

White Male – 0

White Female – 5

Incidents

1. 24BU000618

1/9/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Unlawful Trespass

Synopsis

A male subject was refusing to leave the USB lobby. An officer stated to the effect that the male subject had to leave building. And opened the lobby door to let the male out. The male subject refused to leave. The officer then went over and took hold of the males left arm of the male’s jacket and pulled the male towards the door. At the door the officer heard a loud bang and the male grabbed hold of the doorframe with his right hand. A second officer assisted the first officer in physically removing the male’s right hand from the doorframe. Once the male’s hand was free the male pushed back against the first officer as he pushed the male towards and out the outer door. As the male exited he tripped and fell to the ground but quickly got back to his feet. The officer again had to tell the male to leave the male complied.



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Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – located and issued citation

White male Age 59, 5’08”, 195 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

2. 24BU000665

1/9/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Lewd and Lascivious Conduct

Charges – Lewd and Lascivious ConductX2/ Violations of Conditions of Release

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that a male subject was in traffic with their pants down masturbating. Second caller stated to the effect the male subject was now laying in the travel lane of the roadway in front of a bus. Officer arriving on scene observed the male suspect now stumbling into a parking lot next to the roadway. Officer went out with the male. An officer stated to the effect for the male to stop as he was being detained. The male did not comply and continued to walk away from the officers. The two officer each took control of one of the male suspect’s arms. The suspect began to actively resist pulling against the officer holding his right arm and his left arm. The officers had to physically move the suspect’s arms behind his back. Once the suspect’s hands were behind his back he was compliantly handcuffed by a third officer.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody

White male Age 34, 5’11”, 210 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury



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3. 24BU000678

1/9/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Accident

Charges – DUI/Leaving the scene of an Accident

Synopsis

A caller stated to the effect that there had been a car crash with one person injured. Officers arrived on scene to and observed two vehicles with significant damage. An officer spoke with a female operator. During the course of the crash investigation an officer had probable cause to believe the female operator was intoxicated. As the officer walked back towards the crash scene with the female suspect she attempted to run away from the officer. The officer had to take hold of her to stop her from fleeing. When the officer stopped the female subject she attempted to strike the officer with her left hand. The officer took control of that hand and physically brought her left hand behind her back. The officer then placed her into handcuffs. The female refused to walk to the cruiser so the officer had to use physical force to move her to the cruiser.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

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

Arrestee – taken into custody, transported, processed and released on citation

Black Female Age 22, 5'00", 100 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

4. 24BU000717

1/10/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Recovered Stolen Vehicle

Charges – None

Synopsis

A CSO located a stolen U-Haul truck with a subject in the passenger seat of the truck and called dispatch. Officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop on the truck. Four officer pointed their firearms at the truck and the operator. The operator was called out of the truck and given verbal commands. The operator was compliant with the commands and was taken into custody without incident.



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Subject Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 4 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Subject – investigative detention/released

White male Age 31, 5'11", 215 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

5. 24BU000758

1/11/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Unlawful Trespass

Synopsis

An employee at UVMHC ED called stating a male subject who had been discharged was refusing to leave. Officers arrived on scene and made contact with the male. An officer stated to the effect for the male that he had to leave the hospital property. The male who was laying on a gurney crossed his arms and stated no. An officer stated to the effect to the male that he was under arrest. Each officer took control of one of the arrestee's arms and removed him from the bed and handcuffed him. While being walked out of the ED the arrestee pulled from one of the officers grasp and turned and faced the other officer. The officer re-established his control of the arrestee's left arm. At the cruiser the arrestee continued to struggle against the officers. One officer physically held the arrestee against the cruiser while the first one searched the arrestee.

Arrestees Actions – Passive Resistance/Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody/transported to BPD/processed and released on citation

White male Age 34, 5'04", 145 lbs.



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Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

6. 24BU001198

1/17/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Eluding Police

Charges – Attempting to Elude

Synopsis

A Burlington Officer located a potential stolen vehicle that had fled from South Burlington Police Department parked with a subject in the driver's seat. The officer approached the vehicle with his firearm out and pointed at the subject in the driver's seat. The officer stated to the effect for the operator to place their hands on the steering wheel. The officer then stated to the effect for the subject to keep their hands visible and to exit the vehicle. The subject started the vehicle and fled the scene. The vehicle crashed in South Burlington. A Burlington Police Officer was assisting a South Burlington Police Officer. The SBPD officer was able to open the driver's door and take hold of the male operator's hands. Once the SBPD officer had removed the male from the vehicle the BPD officer took control of the male's right arm. As the BPD officer attempted to move the male's arm behind his back the male tense his arm. The BPD officer and the SBPD officer brought the male to the ground in a controlled manner. Once in a prone position the BPD officer was able to place the male's hands behind his back. The male was compliantly hand cuffed. A load firearm was located on the driver's seat where the male had been seated.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody/lodged

Black male Age 21, 5'07", 160 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – bruised elbow



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7. 24BU001345

1/19/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Search Warrant

Charges – Distribution of Narcotics

Synopsis

Officer served a search warrant for narcotics distribution on a residence. Officer approached the door, knocked and announced their presence. A subject inside attempted to dead bolt the door before retreating into the residence. Officers breached the door and entered the residence. During the course of clearing the residence officer pointed their firearms at and were ordered into a prone position and handcuffed out five subjects. Those subjects were all detained and one was ultimately arrested.

Arrestees Actions – compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Arrestee – taken into custody, processed and lodged

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

Subjects – investigative detention and released

Black Female Age 45, Hgt. Unk., Wgt. Unk.

Black Female Age 24, 5'09", 170lbs.

Black Male Age 26, 6'02", Wgt. Unk.

Black Male Age 35 5'07', Wgt. Unk.

Black Male Age 35 Hgt. Unk. , Wgt. Unk.

Arrestee – no injury

Subjects – no injury

Officers – no injury

8. 24BU001568

1/22/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Kidnapping

Charges – Kidnapping/Aggravated Assault/Arson/Interference with Law Enforcement

Synopsis



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An officer observed a male subject who another BPD officer had requested be taken into custody for Violation of Conditions of Release and Felony identity theft. The officer approached the male and stated to the effect to the male to remove his hands from his pockets and that they were under arrest. The male removed his hands and held an edged cutting instrument to his neck and pulled out another edged weapon and pointed at the officer. The arrestee backed away from the officer as the officer continued to state to the effect that he was under arrest. The arrestee attempted to elude the officer by squeezing between a narrow fences. The officer drew their firearm and pursued after the arrestee. The officer lost sight of the arrestee. Two officers locate the arrestee on a nearby street. An officer exited the cruiser drawing their firearms and pointed them at the arrestee stating to the effect for the arrestee to stop. The arrestee fled from that officer. Two more officer arrived on the street as the arrestee came towards them. The officers exited their cruiser and drew their firearms. An officer stated to the effect for the arrestee to drop the knife. The other officer stated to the effect for the arrestee to get on the ground. The arrestee ignored the commands and ran from the officers. The officers pursued the arrestee. The arrestee entered a bar and barricaded himself inside with 2 hostages. A fifth officer had their firearm out but not pointed at the rear entrance to the bar and the arrestee may have observed the firearm. Following a lengthy stand off the Vermont State Police took the male into custody.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance/Assaultive

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 4 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Officer 5 – Firearm displayed

Arrestee – taken into custody/lodged

Black Male Age 43, 6'00", 220 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury from BPD officers UOF

Officers – no injury

9. 24BU0001638

1/23/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Aggravated Assault

Charges – Aggravated Assault

Synopsis



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Caller stated to the effect that a male came at him with what looked like a pistol and stated to him that he was going to shoot him while pointing it at him and his wife. The caller gave a description of the suspect. Two officers went out with a subject who matched the description of the suspect. While speaking with the suspect an officer stated to the effect to the suspect if they had any weapons on them. The suspect quickly reached into their pocket and pulled out an object that resembled a firearm. The two officers both drew their firearms and pointed them at the suspect while giving hard orders to drop the firearm. The suspect complied dropping the firearm. The suspect was then compliantly handcuffed and detained. The object turned out to be pepper spray in a container that resembled a firearm.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody

Black male Age 44, 6'04", 209 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

10. 24BU001720

1/24/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Disturbance

Charges – None

Synopsis

A caller stated to the effect that there was a fight between three to four subjects in the stairwell. Officers arrived on scene and located two male subjects on one of the floors above where the caller stated there was a fight. One male subject started to walk away from officers. Two officers stated to the effect for the male subject to stop. The subject did not stop and continued to walk away. An officer caught up to the subject and attempted to stop the subject by taking hold of the subject's shoulder. The subject attempted to pull away and the officer maintained his hold and a second officer stated to the effect to the subject to stop, he was being detained and to put his hands behind his back. The subject continued to struggle against the officers. The officers were able to place the subject's hands behind his back and a third officer attempted to place handcuffs on the subject. Due to the subject struggling the officer was not successful. The two officers were able to bring the subject to the ground in a controlled manner. Once on the ground the officers rolled the subject into a prone position. The subject



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moved their hands underneath himself. One officer held the subjects legs to prevent him from kicking. The other two officers had to physically pull the subjects hands out and place them behind the subjects back and place them in handcuffs.

Subject Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Subject – investigative detention/released

White male Age 24, 5'05", 185 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

11. 24BU001845

1/26/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Disturbance

Charges – Disorderly conduct/unlawful mischief

Synopsis

A local merchant called stating to the effect that a female subject was breaking bottles in the store and provided a description. When officers arrived the female suspect had left the scene. A short time later an officer observed the suspect and went out with them at a sheltered bus stop on Pearl St. The officer stated to the effect they needed to speak with her. The female attempted to walk away. The officer grasped the females shoulder and stated to the effect that she could not leave. The female did not comply and attempted to pull out of the officers grasp. The officer took hold of both of the female's arms in attempt to gain control and stated to the effect that she was under arrest. A second officer arrived on scene and took hold of the arrestee's left arm. The arrestee continued to struggle and the first officer moved the arrestee against the bus stop wall. The two officers were then able to bring both the arrestee's arms behind her back and a third officer was able to place her into handcuffs.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing



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Arrestee – taken into custody, processed and released on citation
Black Female Age 28, 5'01", 118 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury
Officer – no injury