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CITY OF BURLINGTON

**Use of Force Report**

**July 01, 2023 – July 31, 2023**

**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 7/1/23 – 7/31/23 – 3023

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 17

Total Uses of Force – 32

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - .56 %

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 11

White Female – 1

Black Male – 4

Black Female – 1

**Incidents**

**1. 23BU013782**

7/2/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Suspicious

Charges – Violations of Conditions of Release

**Synopsis**

Officers driving by a vehicle parked at the skate park just after midnight observed the two subjects in the truck duck down when they drove by. Officer stopped and a male exited the vehicle’s driver’s seat and began to walk away. An officer called out to the male several times to which the male continued to walk away and state to the effect I didn’t do anything. The officer stated to the effect several times for the male to speak with them. The male began to run after a short distance the male tripped and fell. One of the officers pursuing the male tackled the male back to the ground as the male stood up. The officer was able to place the subjects hand behind his back and a second officer compliantly moved the subjects hand behind his back. The male was handcuffed without incident. The arrestee had court ordered conditions not be with the female in the truck and a 24 hours curfew.



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Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – take down/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee - taken into custody

White Male Age 43, 5'07", 200 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**2. 23BU013978**

7/3/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Unlawful Trespass/Resisting Arrest

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that her neighbor's ex-boyfriend had shown up at her door and the male was in the apartment smashing things. Two officers made contact with the male inside the residence. The female resident had left the apartment and stated to the effect that the male was highly intoxicated and she did not want the male to stay in the residence. The residence was not the male's legal address. The male refused to open the door and officers. Eventually the male opened the door and allowed officers in. Officer stated to the effect the resident wanted him to leave. The male refused and officers stated to the effect that he would be arrested for unlawful trespass if he did not leave. The male placed both his hands behind his back and officers approached and attempted to place him in handcuffs. When officer took hold of his arms behind his back he pulled them to the front. The officers had to physically place the arrestee's arms behind his back and handcuff him. While trying to escort the arrestee from the residence they actively resisted, grabbing a hold of the doorjamb with a hand, sitting down on the floor, bracing their legs. Officer had to use physical force bring him out of the residence. Officers had to physically escort him to the cruiser as the arrestee continued to try and pull away from officers. While officer attempted to search him at the cruiser the arrestee elbowed an officer in the chest and both officers had to physically hold him against the cruiser so a third officer could search him. The arrestee refused to enter the cruiser and officers had to use physical force to place him in the cruiser. While being transported the arrestee purposefully struck their head off the partition and gave themselves a laceration to their forehead. An officer had to transport the arrestee to UVMHC ED for the laceration. While en-route to the hospital the arrestee began kicking the partition hard enough that the officer believed they might break it. The officer stated to the effect warning the arrestee if he did not stop he would deploy his pepper spray. The arrestee stopped briefly but then began kicking the partition again. The



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officer stopped the cruiser opened the rear door and deployed his pepper spray. The arrestee stopped kicking the divider.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/OC warned/OC deployed

Arrestee - taken into custody lodged at NWRCF

White Male Age 27, 6'01", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – injured self/treated at UVMHC ED

Officer – no injury

**3. 23BU014101**

7/5/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Arrest on Warrant

Charges – Warrant

Synopsis

An officer observed a male they believed to be wanted. The officer first confirmed that the male had a warrant. The officer approached the male who started walking away. The officer stopped him and explained that he had a warrant. A second officer arrived on scene and stated to the effect for the male to turn around and place their hands behind their back. The male ran a short distance before both officers caught up with him and took hold of his arms. The male resisted the officers attempting to pull his arms away. The officers physically placed the arrestee's arms behind his back and handcuffed him.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls.

Arrestee - taken into custody

Black Male Age 48, 5'07", 160 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury



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**4. 23BU014116**

7/5/23

Complainant/Officer Responded

Call type – Disorderly conduct

Charges – Aggravated Disorderly Conduct

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that two males were fighting on Church Street. Officers arrested a male for throwing coffee on a random subject who was on the market place. The arrestee was taken into custody without issue. While in the holding area at the court house the arrestee was handcuffed in front in preparation to see a judge. The arrestee began to pound on the glass in the holding area. The officer went into the holding area with a sheriff's deputy (they provide court house security) to move the arrestee handcuffs behind their back. While un-cuffing one hand the arrestee began to actively resist pulling the hand away from the officer. The officer had to physically take the hand and move it behind the arrestee back as the sheriff deputy did the same with the arrestee's other arm. The officer then re-applied the handcuffs behind the arrestee's back.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee - taken into custody

White Male Age 61, 5'08", 170 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**5. 23BU014210**

7/6/23

Complainant/Officers responded

Call type – Aggravated Assault

Charges – Aggravated Assault/Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer

Synopsis

Multiple 911 calls about a male attacking people on the bike path with a knife. The first officer on scene observed several people running away from the suspect who had a box cutter in his hand. The officer exited their vehicle and stated to the effect for the suspect to drop the box cutter and the suspect complied. The officer then stated to the effect for the suspect to get on



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the ground. The suspect instead took off their backpack and started to reach into it. Fearing the suspect was attempting to obtain another weapon from the backpack the officer closed the distance and was able to bring the suspect to the ground and hold him there until a second officer arrived. Once that officer was on scene the officer was able to handcuff the suspect.

Arrestee Actions – Non compliant

Officer Actions

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

Arrestee - taken into custody

White Male Age 47, 6'00", 160 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**6. 23BU014212**

7/6/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Search Warrant

Charges – Search Warrant

Synopsis

Officers served a search warrant on a residence. Officers knocked and stated to the effect they were the police with a warrant. There was no response from the residence. Officers made entry and began to search the residence. The officer made contact with a female subject, gave them verbal commands to show their hands and pointed their firearm at them. The subject complied and was detained.

Arrestee Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Arrestee - taken into custody

White Female Age 37 , 5'08", 135 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury



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**7. 23BU014451**

7/9/23

Complainant/Officer(s) Dispatched

Call type – Disturbance

Charges – no charges mutual affray

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that multiple subjects were in an altercation and someone made mentioned of a knife. Officers arrived on scene and observed multiple subjects running at each other. An officer observed a male run at another male and attempt to kick that male. The officer took hold of the male while stating to the effect Burlington Police and to stop fighting. The officer was able to bring the male to the ground in a controlled manner. Once on the ground the officer was able to physically hold the male there and again stated to the effect to stop fighting. The officer was able to place the male into handcuffs and patted them down for a weapon. The male was detained to prevent him from assaulting the other male.

Subject – non compliant – attempting to assault another subject

Officer Actions

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

Subject – detained then released

White Male Age 26, 5'08", 185 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

**8. 23BU014496**

7/9/23

Complainant/Officer(s) Dispatched

Call type – Disturbance

Charges –

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that her brother broke into her apartment and started destroying property, he has a knife, his girlfriend is with him and he is currently on cocaine and crack. Officer arrived no scene and were able to speak with the male while officer spoke with caller. Officers learned there was no criminal act but the residents did not want the male in the residence. Officer explained that to the male who then began to make suicidal statements. The male went through mood swings, made statements to the effect of how he would kill himself. Officer decided that the male was a danger to himself and explained to the effect that they



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were taking him into protective custody. An officer attempted to place the male into handcuffs the male actively resisted pulling his arms away from his back and struggling. A second officer assisted and they placed the male against a fence to try and gain control of the male. The male began to use his legs to kick off the fence. The two officers lowered him to the ground in a controlled manner a third officer controlled the males feet to prevent him from kicking. The male was handcuffed on the ground and then he was brought into a seated position.

Subject Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Subject - taken into protective custody

White Male Age 19, 5'08", 145 lbs.

Subject – no injury transported to UVMMC ED for mental health evaluation  
Officer – no injury

**9. 23BU014814**

7/13/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – DUI

Charges – DUI

Synopsis

Operator pulled up behind parked police cruiser and flashed their headlights. An officer exited their cruiser to inquire what the operator needed. The vehicle then drove around the officer and exited the parking lot at a high rate of speed. The officer returned to their cruiser and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle after observing the vehicle run a stop sign. During the stop the officer developed probable cause that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. The arrestee was compliantly handcuffed on scene and transported to BPD. Once there the arrestee would not exit the police cruiser. After a short negotiation the arrestee exited the cruiser. The officer took hold of the arrestees arm and shoulder and guided them to the door of the holding area. The arrestee began to actively resist, planting their feet and refusing to walk. The officer had to use physical force to escort him into the holding area for processing.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance



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Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee - taken into custody

Black Male Age 37, 6'01", 170 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**10. 23BU014883**

7/13/23

Complainant/Officer(s) Dispatched

Call type – Domestic Disturbance

Charges – 1<sup>st</sup> degree Domestic Assault/ Violation of Conditions of Release/ Unlawful restraint in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree/ Resisting arrest/ Arrest on Warrant

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that they wanted a female removed from their residence. Officers responded and learned that the female in question was actually a victim of a domestic assault. Officer investigated and then attempted to find the suspect at his encampment. The officers went to the area the suspect stays at and observed the male suspect who immediately fled into a field behind the encampment. The officers pursued stating to the effect that the suspect was under arrest and to stop running. An Officer caught up to the arrestee and was able to pull them to the ground and roll them over in a prone position. The second officer caught up and held the arrestee on the ground and physically moved the arrestee's left arm behind their back. The first officer moved the right arm behind the arrestee's back and was able to handcuff the arrestee.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

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

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody

White Male Age 41, 5'05", 100 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury





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**11. 23BU015004**

7/14/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Ordinance Violation

Charges – Disorderly Conduct/Impeding Public Officers

Synopsis

Officer observed a male violating a city ordinance by smoking a cigarette in City Hall Park. Officers approached the male and stated to the effect that to put out the cigarette as it was violating a city ordinance. The male refused and started smoking the cigarette again. The male then attempted to walk away. Officers stated to the effect for him to stop. The officer took hold of the male's wrist and jacket to prevent them from leaving. The male began to yell and swear at the officers. The male refused to identify himself so the officer could issue a municipal ticket for the smoking violation. The officer stated to the effect the male was being detained until he was positively identified. The male then agreed to provide identification and the officer released his grip on the male. The officer again stated to the effect that he was detained and not free to leave. The male again attempted to leave. The officer again took hold of the male's arm to prevent them from leaving. The officer stated to the effect that he would be placed in handcuffs. The male resisted, attempting to pull his arm away. The officer brought the male to the ground in a controlled manner and was able to place the arrestee onto his stomach and move his left arm behind the arrestee's back. The second officer moved in and assisted bring the arrestee's right arm behind his back. The first officer was able to place the arrestee into handcuffs.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody, processed and released on citation

White Male Age 44, 5'08", 140 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**12. 23BU015046**

7/14/23

Complainant/Officer(s) Dispatched

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Disorderly Conduct/Interference with Law Enforcement X2



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Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that two females had rushed past the bouncer, entered the bar and began assaulting another female. Officer arrived on scene and went out with the two females in question. The officer asked for identification and both refused to identify themselves. One female subject became irate and agitated stepping up to within inches of the officer. The officer placed their hand on her arm to move her away from him. The officer stated to the effect they were questioning them concerning the incident in the bar. The female started to step away from the officer and they stated to the effect to stop and not run. The female continued to walk away the officer stated to the effect for the female to turn around and place her hands behind her back. The female then ran from the officer. The officer ran after the female and observed her trip and fall into a fence. Two officers were able to take hold of her arms. The female began to actively resist, pulling away and kicking. The officers were able to lower her to the ground and physically move the female's arms behind her back and handcuff her. Officer brought the arrestee to a cruiser, while walking to the cruiser they continued to actively resist, pulling and struggling or dropping their weight. At the cruiser the arrestee refused to get into the cruiser and two officers had to physically place them into the back of the cruiser. At BPD the arrestee had been able to remove a handcuff and refused to exit the vehicle. Two officers had to physically remove the arrestee from the back of the cruiser. Once the arrestee was out of the cruiser, she continued to struggle and resist the officer's attempts to place the handcuff back on her. Officers had to use physical force to place her arms behind her back and reapply the handcuff. Due to the arrestee's continual active resistance she was placed back into the cruiser. Officers again had to use physical force to place the arrestee into the cruiser. The arrestee was lodged at a correctional facility. A BAC taken showed a blood alcohol content of .111%

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 4 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee - taken into custody, lodged with a BAC of .111%, held per judge's order until BAC of 0.00%,

Black Female Age 19, 5'08", 126 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury



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**13. 23BU015428**

7/18/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Unlawful Trespass/Interference with Law Enforcement

Synopsis

An officer observed a male who was trespassed from City Hall Park in the park. The officer approached the male and stated to the effect that he was trespassed from the park and the male stated to the effect that he knew he was. The male then ran from the officer. A second officer in the area heard the foot chase and was able to locate the male nearby. The officer stated to the effect for the male to stop. The male continued to walk away. The officer caught up to him and stated to the effect he was being detained. The officer took hold of the male's arms. The male tensed up and pulled away from the officer. The male continued to actively resist and the officer brought the male to the ground. A second officer arrived on scene. The arrestee had placed his arms under him and had to physically remove his hands from underneath him and place the arrestee's arms behind his back. A third officer took hold of the other hand to allow the second officer to apply handcuffs.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/take down

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody, processed lodged

White Male Age 22, 5'10", 185 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**14. 23BU015462**

7/18/23

Complainant/Officer(s) Dispatched

Call type – Assault - Aggravated

Charges – Aggravated Assault/Resisting arrest

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect a male was in the park and was coming at her with a knife. Officers arrived on scene and located the victim who had a video of the incident. Using the video of the



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suspect the officers located him a short distance away and went out with him. The officers questioned him about the incident and asked if he had a knife. The male denied having a knife but due to the incident an officer took hold of his arm and stated to the effect that he was going to be patted down for weapons. The male immediately tensed up and the officer decided to place the male into handcuffs. The male was subsequently arrested for aggravated assault. At the cruiser the arrestee refused to enter the cruiser and officers had to physically pull and him into the back seat. One officer had to take hold of his legs and move them into the vehicle. A second officer had to physically move the arrestee into the back of the cruiser. Once in the cruiser the arrestee then leaned forward back out of the cruiser and a third officer had to physically push him back into the cruiser. The arrestee then would not pull his feet into the cruiser, the third officer displayed his OC and stated to the effect that he would be sprayed if he did not place his feet in the cruiser. The arrestee complied and was transported to BPD. While in the holding cell at BPD the arrestee ran himself head first into the concrete wall, stood on the bench and began kicking the window of the cell. The officers had to secure the arrestee to the bench to prevent him from harming himself or destroying the cell. The arrestee was transported to UVMHC ED to be evaluated from striking his own head against the wall. The arrestee was so disorderly and threatening the attending physician cleared them quickly due to their behavior.

Arrestee 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/OC displayed and warned

Arrestee - taken into custody and lodged

White Male Age 27, 5'09", 155 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury from UOF/Self-inflicted injury seen and evaluated at UVMHC ED and released

Officer – no injury

**15. 23BU015483**

7/19/23

Complainant/Officer(s) Dispatched

Call type – Burglary

Charges – Unlawful Trespass/Unlawful Mischief/Operating without Owners Consent

Synopsis



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Male subject had stolen a UVM work truck from the area of UVMMC. Burlington officers responded to assist UVM PD. A Burlington Officer assisted in stopping the vehicle. The officer exited their police cruiser and drew their firearm but kept it pointed downward. The officer stated to the effect for the operator to stop driving. The officer then observed the truck to start moving again slowly until it ran into the front bumper of the BPD cruiser. The operator then maneuvered the truck around the cruiser and fled the area. The officer did not pursue.

Arrestee Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm displayed

Arrestee - taken into custody by UVM PD

White Male Age 38, 6'00", 200 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**16. 23BU015773**

7/21/23

Officer initiated

Call type – Violation of conditions of Release

Charges – Violation of conditions of Release/Interference with Law Enforcement

Synopsis

Officer observed a male consuming alcohol on the Church Street Market Place. The officer attempted to identify the male, who gave several false names. The officer was able to determine the males name and DOB. The male had conditions of release to include a 24 hour curfew and to not have or drink alcoholic beverages. The male was taken into custody and while being searched attempted to reach into his pocket. An officer stated to the effect to not reach into his pocket but the arrestee continued to attempt to do so. The officer holding the arrestee's right arm physically moved the arm behind the arrestees back to prevent them from reaching into their pocket.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody

Black Male Age 35, 6'01", 185 lbs.



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Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**17. 23BU016024**

7/23/23

Complainant/Officer(s) Dispatched

Call type – Disturbance

Charges – Disorderly Conduct

Synopsis

Owner of downtown bar called stating to the effect a male subject was causing a disturbance outside of the bar. Upon arrival officer located an agitated male being held the ground. The officer removed the subjects holding the male. The male appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. An investigation determined there was no crime committed and that it was the male's friends who were restraining him. Officers cleared the scene and were walking away when they heard and then observed the male attempting to assault his friends. An officer took hold of one of the male's arms and physically placed it behind their back and a UVM Officer physically placed the male's other arm behind his back. The BPD officer placed the arrestee into handcuffs. The arrestee refused to walk to the cruiser instead sat on the ground. Officers had to physically pick up the male and carry him to and place him into the cruiser. Once at BPD the arrestee exited the cruiser but then sat limp onto the floor and had to be physically carried to a holding cell.

Arrestee Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody/citation and released to family members

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

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury