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CITY OF BURLINGTON

**Use of Force Report**

**May 01, 2023 – May 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 5/1/23 – 5/31/23 - 2535

Total Number of UOF Incidents – 19

Total Uses of Force – 52

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents - .7%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

White Male – 7

White Female – 7

Black Male – 8

Black Female – 0

**Incidents**

**1. 23BU008445**

5/3/23

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Retail Theft/Unlawful Trespass at local drug store

Charges - Retail Theft, Unlawful Trespass, Resisting Arrest and Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer

Synopsis

The complainant called stating to the effect a male that had been previously trespassed from their store had entered the store and stolen approximately \$200 in items and left. Officers arriving on scene located the male nearby. The officers informed the male they were under arrest and he was compliantly handcuffed. The arrestee actively resisted being placed into the police cruiser. An officer had to physically move the arrestee and place him into the cruiser. At BPD the arrestee was asked to sit down on a bench but refused and stated to the effect they were going to kick and resist. An officer took hold of the arrestees arm and sat them down. The arrestee stated to the effect they were going to head butt the officer. The officer had to physically use his arm to hold the arrestee in a seated position.



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Arrestee Actions – Active resistance, Assaultive

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody

Black Male Age 38, 5'10", 140 lbs.

Arrestees – no injury from use of force- asked to be screened at UVMHC ED for heart condition. Was brought to ED, evaluated and released by UVMHC ED personnel.

Officer – no injury

**2. 23BU008473**

5/4/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Disorderly Conduct – intoxicated male attempting to operate a motor vehicle

Charges – Disorderly Conduct

Synopsis

Intoxicated male made contact with officers of his own volition several times. A female officer stated to the effect that the male was making inappropriate comments to her about her appearance. The officers would disengage with the male and walk away. The male would then re-approach and engage with them. The intoxicated male stated to the effect he wanted to drive home but was upset the officer were present. The male walked into the roadway, then walked to his vehicle and entered it. While in the vehicle he turned the vehicle on with music on loud, exited vehicle and left door open music blaring. Officers approached the male to take him into protective custody. The male actively resisted the officers by pulling his arms away as they attempted to place him in handcuffs. Two more officer arrived and the male continued to actively resist pulling away and attempting to twist from officers grasp. The officers were able to bring the male to the ground to gain control of him. Officers were able to get the male into handcuffs but due to his size had to use two pair of handcuffs connected together to do so.

Arrestee Actions – Active resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 4 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody/detox facility

White Male Age 31, 5'05", 250 lbs.



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Arrestee – no injury  
Officers – no injury

**3. 23BU008737**

5/6/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Agency Assist/Stolen Vehicle located for SBPD

Charges – Operating without Owners Consent

Synopsis

Officer stopped a stolen vehicle out of South Burlington and conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Per their high risk motor vehicle stop training they pointed their firearms at the occupants while taking them into custody. The occupants were compliant with officer's orders. Operator arrested for OOC for SBPD.

Arrestee Actions – compliant

Subject Actions – compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/pointed firearm X1

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed X2

Arrestee - taken into custody transported to SBPD

White Female Age 37, 5'03", 190 lbs.

Subject – detained then released

White Male Age 45, 6'00", 240 lbs.

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

**4. 23BU008891**

5/8/23

Officer Initiated

Call type – Attempted Homicide – motor vehicle stop of attempted homicide suspect

Charges – Attempted Homicide with a firearm

Synopsis

Officer located motor vehicle with attempted homicide suspect and accomplice. Officers conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Per their high risk motor vehicle stop training they pointed their firearms at the occupants while taking them into custody. The occupants were compliant with officer's orders and took the two suspects into custody.

Arrestees Actions – compliant

Officer Actions



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Officer 1 – Pointed firearm  
Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed X2  
Officer 3 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed  
Officer 4 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed X2  
Officer 5 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed X2  
Officer 6 – Firearm pointed

Arrestee - taken into custody

Black Male Age 19, 5'06", 120 lbs.

Arrestee – detained then released on citation

White Female Age 17, 5'05", 125 lbs.

Arrestees – no injury

Officers – no injury

**5. 23BU009021**

5/9/23

Complainant/Officer dispatched

Call type – Arrest on warrant

Charges – Arrest on two warrants

Synopsis

Bank called stating female had twice tried to cash a bad check. During the officers investigating they learned the female had two warrants for her arrest. The officers stated to the effect that she had warrants and needed to place her hands behind her back. The female complied and was compliantly handcuffed. The female wanted to speak with her boyfriend before being taken to BPD. The officers agreed. Once outside of the bank they could not locate the boyfriend. At the cruiser the arrestee began to scream for her boyfriend and resisted being placed into the cruiser. The officers had to physically place her in the cruiser.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody

White Female Age 33, 5'04", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury



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**6. 23BU009103**

5/10/23

Complainant/Officer dispatched

Call type – Domestic Disturbance

Charges – 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Aggravated Domestic Assault, Domestic Assault committed within the presence of a child, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Unlawful restraint, Possession of Cocaine, Violation of an Abuse Prevention Order, Resisting Arrest, Impeding a Public Officer.

Synopsis

Complainant called stating to the effect they heard a female and male yelling and items being thrown around in a residence. Officers arrived on scene and also heard yelling coming from the residence stating to the effect it was consistent with more than one person yelling. The officers knocked several times and announced their presence. A male finally answered the door at door. An officer stated to the effect they observed fresh scratch marks on the males arm. Officers stated to the effect they would have to check the residence to ensure the safety of anyone inside. The male closed the door and step in front of it refusing to allow officers to check welfare of others in residence. An officer attempted to knock on the door and the male swatted the officer's hand away. The officers stated to the effect that if the male continued to interfere then he would be arrested for impeding. After attempting to negotiate with the male the officer attempted to take him into custody for impeding. The male actively resisted officers by fighting with them. Officers were able to bring the male to the ground, once there the officer had to physically remove his arms from underneath him and place them behind his back and into handcuffs. The arrestee refused to walk outside to the police cruiser and the officers had to physically move him downstairs and outside. While searching the arrestee, before placing him into the cruiser, he actively resisted pulling his body away from the searching officer. The officers had to bring the arrestee to the ground to finish their search. It should be noted narcotic and a bullet were located on the arrestee's person during the search. The officer's investigation of the incident led to six additional charges.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/ empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody lodged at correctional facility

White male Age 33, 5'07", 170 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury



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**7. 23BU009165**

5/11/23

Complainant/Officer dispatched

Call type – Gunfire

Charges – Arrest on warrant/Detoxed

Synopsis

Officers investigated gunfire incident in City Hall Park. A male who appeared highly intoxicated was involved in a disturbance with the firearm being discharged. The male approached officers and made quick statements stating to the effect that a gun was discharged and that he would find “him”. During an interview with an officer the male stated to the effect that he attempted to use the public bathroom in City Hall Park, a male was consuming narcotics in the bathroom, there was an altercation and the male using the narcotics had discharged a firearm. The male would not identify himself and tried several times to leave the scene. Due to the male's level of intoxication officers attempted to take him into protective custody. The male actively resisted pulling away and attempting to run from officers but an officer was able to bring the male to the ground. An officer had to physically pull out one of the male's arms to place it behind his back. A third officer who had been stating to the effect to stop resisting held the male's arm so the officer could finish handcuffing the male. An officer stated to the effect they were concerned the male was going to spit at them, used his hand to move the male's head so they could not spit at them. The male was stood up and escorted to the police cruiser.

While in the cruiser male attempted to harm himself by striking his head of the partition in the cruiser causing a laceration. The officer stated to the effect that if the male did not stop he would be sprayed with OC. The male did not stop striking his head and the officer deployed OC to stop their self-harm. The male was identified and officer learned he had a warrant for his arrest.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/OC deployed

Arrestee - taken into custody

Black Male Age 21, 6'00", 160 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury from UOF/ He was evaluated by members of the Burlington Fire Department for striking his head off the partition but refused to cooperate with them and was eventually transported to the University of Vermont Medical Center for treatment.

Officers – no injury



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**8. 23BU009472**

5/14/23

Complainant/Officer dispatched

Call type – Felony Domestic Assault

Charges – 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault with a weapon

Synopsis

Complainant called BFD originally for an injury. The complainant called back and advised someone had been stabbed. Upon arrival officers stated to the effect they observed an upset female outside of the residence who got up and attempted to enter the residence where the victim was. The officer stated to the effect that they did not know what role the female had in the incident, victim, and witness or suspect so officers prevented her from entering the residence by taking a hold of her arm the female began to resist attempting to pull away from the officer. A second officer took hold of her arm. When her arm was grasped the female collapsed herself onto the floor. Officers then placed her hands behind her back and placed her into handcuffs to detain her. After investigation the female was arrested for stabbing the victim.

Arrestee 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 Female Age 31, 5'02", 101 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

**9. 23BU010060**

5/21/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Intoxication

Charges – None

Synopsis

Complainant called stating to the effect that three people were trying to fight with them and stole a speaker from him. An officer spoke with the male and stated to the effect the male was showing numerous signs of intoxication. The subject's friends tried to speak with him but were unable to reason with him. The male attempted to walk by the officer towards another male, perhaps to assault them and the officer stated to the effect they had to place their hand on the



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subject's chest to prevent him from reaching the other male. Officers decided to take the male into protective custody. The officers each took hold of an arm. The male actively resisted by attempting to pull out of the officers grasp and officer had to use physical force to place the male's hands behind his back and place him in handcuffs. The male was later found to be a BAC .316%. Due to his level of intoxication officer transported the male to UVMHC ED for care.

Subject Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Subject – protective custody

Black Male Age 42, 5'11", 145 lbs.

Subject – no injury/transported to UVMHC ED due to level of intoxication

Officers – no injury

**10. 23BU010150**

5/23/23

Complainant/Officer dispatched

Call type – Arrest on warrant

Charges – Arrest warrants, Assault on a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest

Synopsis

Complaint called stated to the effect that a male and female were sleeping and urinating on the property and when she confronted them the male lifted a golf club and threatened to bash her head in. While investigating this call officers observed a male they knew to be wanted. An officer made contact with the male and stated to the effect that there was a warrant for his arrest and he was not free to leave. The male began to back away and then fled on foot. The officer pursued the male, catching up to them after a short pursuit. The officer attempted to grab a backpack the male was wearing. The officer missed grabbing the backpack and collided with the male causing both to fall to the ground. The officer was struck in the jaw by the male's foot while they were falling. The male got back to his feet and ran and the officer continued their pursuit. The officer caught up to the male, who then grabbed a hold of a railing and braced their legs. The officer attempted to remove the male from the railing but the male resisted. The officer was finally able to bring the male to the ground in a controlled manner but the male still had his left hand grasping the railing. A second officer arrived and was able to remove the arrestee's hand from the railing. The officers had to physically place the arrestee's hands behind their back and place them in handcuffs.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions





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Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee - taken into custody

Black Male Age 31, 5'09", 160 lbs.

Arrestee – complained of pain in his arms/transported to UVMHC ED by BFD for evaluation, cleared and released to BPD

Officer 1 – injury to left side of jaw/see at UVMHC ED for possible jaw fracture.

**11. 23BU010171**

5/23/23

Complainant/Officer dispatched

Call type – Aggravated Assault

Charges – Assault/Interference with a Law Enforcement/Disorderly Conduct/Arrest on warrant

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that she had been assaulted by her neighbor and that neighbor had repeatedly punched her in the face. Officers arrived on scene. After speaking with the victim officers located the female assailant inside her residence. Officers also learned the female had a warrant for their arrest. The female refused to exit her apartment and officers negotiated with her to come out. The female eventually came out of her apartment and sat down in a chair refusing to get up and go with officers. Officers again negotiated with her but she refused to stand up. Two officer each took hold of an arm and attempted to bring her down onto a grassy area. While doing so the female grabbed onto the chair to prevent this. Officer managed to remove her arms from the chair and bring her onto her stomach but she had wrapped her legs around the chair leg. While on the ground the officers asked if she needed to be evaluated by the fire department and she stated to the effect she wanted to be seen as she has numerous medical issues.

Officer asked her to release the chair so they could place her in a seated position but she refused. A civilian assisted had to assist an officer in physically removing the females legs from the legs of the chair. The female then began to kick her legs and would not comply with officers commands. The officer then had to physically secure her legs.

As the fire department was arriving on scene the female refused to get on the gurney. The female became irate and attempted to smash her head against the concrete walkway. Officers had to physically restrain her on the ground prevent her from doing so. A third officer on scene took over securing the female's legs. The two officer tried to have the female stand up and but she continued to drop her weight, flailing and kicking her feet. Officer placed her back on the ground. The female now stated to the effect she did not want to go to the hospital.



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All three officer picked up the female and were able to walk her to the cruiser. One of the officers stated to the effect that they heard the female gasp for air and appear to have breathing problems. The officers called over BFD and placed her on the gurney. Once on the gurney she continued to flail about.

Once she was placed into the ambulance she attempted to smash her head into the walls of the ambulance and bite BFD personnel and officers.

The female stated to the effect that she would not go to the hospital but would go with officers. Officer placed her into a BPD cruiser. After arriving at Correctional Facility the female had wrapped the seatbelt around the handcuffs. An officer had to assist corrections officers in freeing the seatbelt from the arrestee's wrist.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee - taken into custody/lodged at correctional facility

White Female Age 36, 5'08", 168 lbs.

Arrestee – stated they were injured and had numerous medical issues/BFD called for evaluation/refused evaluation

Officers – no injury

**12. 23BU010215**

5/24/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Burglary

Charges – Burglary

Synopsis

Complainant called stating to the effect an unknown intoxicated male had entered his residence. The caller stated he had brought the male out of his residence but the male continued to try to gain entry back into their residence. Upon arrival officer located the male and an officer compliantly handcuffed the male. While escorting the arrestee to the officer's cruiser the male began to resist, thrashing and twisting his upper body in an attempt to break the officers hold on the arrestee's arm and dragging their feet. The officer had to use physical force to stop the male from resisting and finish escorting them to the cruiser.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions



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Officer 1 – Verbal commands/handcuffing/empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody

White Male Age 34, 5’08”, 165 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

**13. 23BU010394**

5/26/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Simple Assault

Charges – Disorderly Conduct/Unlawful Trespass/Resisting Arrest

Synopsis

Staff of local food shelf called stating they observed an intoxicated male punch another male in the face. Two officers arrived on scene and located the assailant. The officer speaking with the suspect stated to the effect they were uncooperative and aggressive. While speaking with the suspect another male walked into the area and the suspect apparently unprovoked grabbed that male and started a confrontation. The officer stepped in to prevent an assault. The officer attempted to place the suspect in handcuffs. The arrestee actively resisted the officer’s attempts to place him in handcuffs. The second officer went to the aid of the officer. The two officers were able to bring the suspect to the ground in a controlled manner and place one of the arrestee’s hands behind his back and in a handcuff. The arrestee had placed their other hand underneath their legs. The second officer had to use physical force to pull out the arrestee’s hand and place it behind the arrestee’s back where handcuffing was completed. As the officer attempted to search the arrestee they began to move and twist their legs. An officer had to physically hold the arrestee’s legs so the search could be completed. The arrestee refused to get into the cruiser and officers had to physically place them onto the backseat of the cruiser.

While in the holding area the arrestee was being placed into a holding cell and an officer attempted to remove the arrestee’s belt they began to pull away from officers. An officer had to physically hold the arrestee up against a wall while a second officer removed the belt. Upon being released the arrestee refused to leave the holding area and the two officers had to pick up the arrestee and physically carry them out into the parking lot of BPD.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls



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Officer 3 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 4 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody/processed/cited and released

White Male Age 54, 6’02”, 165 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

**14. 23BU010505**

5/27/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Welfare Check

Charges – None

Synopsis

Complainant called stating to the effect her ex-partner entering her apartment, was refusing to leave, had been using meth and threatening self-harm with a box cutter. Upon arrival the officer located the male and could observe a box cutter and blood running down the male’s arm. The officer spoke with the male stating to the effect they wanted him to drop the box cutter so everyone could be safe. The male refused to engage with the officer. The officer stated to the effect they observed the male had the blade oriented on his wrist oriented to cut up the length of the artery and they feared the male was about to sever his artery. The officer approached the male and drew his CEW and pointed it at the male and gave them commands to drop the box cutter. The male complied dropping the box cutter and was taken into protective custody and transported by BFD to UVMCC ED.

Subject Actions – Armed with box cutter

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/ECW pointed

Subject– taken into protective custody/transported to UVMMC ED

White Male Age 43, 6’00”, 200 lbs.

Subject – self-inflicted cuts/transported to UVMMC ED for treatment

Officer – no injury

**15. 23BU010512**

5/27/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Firearm



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Charges – Eluding a Police officer/Gross Negligent Operation/Driving while Criminally Suspended/Possession of Cocaine

Synopsis

Complainant a bar employee in downtown Burlington called and stated to the effect a male was in a vehicle pointing an AR-15 at people. Officer arrived on scene and located the vehicle. An officer stated to the effect for the operator to get out of the vehicle. An officer pointed his firearm at the operator. The operator did not comply and instead drove off. Officer followed at low speeds. Once on the interstate the pursuit was called off. Officers learned the male brandishing the semi-automatic rifle had been involved in a disturbance at a downtown bar, when the male removed the rifle from his vehicle, which was parked in front of the bar and displayed it. Approximately three and a half hours later a bar employee called 911 stating the observed the vehicle parked behind a building across from the bar. The officers conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop on the vehicle. While taking the subjects into custody the officer pointed their firearms at the operator and passenger. The passenger refused to follow commands at first but was taken into custody and compliantly handcuffed. The operator was compliant and taken into custody.

Arrestee Actions – Compliant

Subjects Actions – Passive resistant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed X2

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 3 – Pointed firearm X2

Arrestee – taken into custody

Black Male Age 40, 5'08", 175 lbs.

Subject – detained then released

Black Male Age 27, 5'09", 175 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Subject – no injury

Officers – no injury

**16. 23BU010537**

5/28/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Domestic Assault

Charges – Misdemeanor Domestic Assault/Child in need of Care and Supervision



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Synopsis

Complainant called and stated to the effect that her friend's son had assaulted his mother and 1 year old. Upon arrival officer spoke with the mother and she stated to the effect a physical confrontation had occurred. The mother stated to the effect she wanted her son taken into custody and brought to the hospital. The mother stated to the effect she was concerned the juvenile could harm his younger brother. The juvenile had thrown items down the stairs and had piled up approximately 4 feet of said items blocking access up the stairs. Officers had to remove the items and made their way up to the second floor. Officers located the juvenile hiding a closet in a bedroom. An officer spoke with the juvenile and explained the current situation and stated to the effect that they could not remain there in the residence due to safety concerns with his mother and brother. The officer stated to the effect asking the juvenile to come out but the juvenile refused and began to reach under a pile of objects. The officer took hold of the juvenile's hands to prevent them from doing so. The officer observed that the juvenile now had a cellphone. The officer again stated to the effect for the juvenile to exit. The juvenile did not exit. The officer took hold of the juvenile's arms and tried to pull them out of the closet but the juvenile held onto a rack in the closet. The officer had to pull the juveniles hands from the rack and then placed the juvenile's arms behind his back where they were handcuffed.

Subject Actions – Passive resistant/active resistant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal asking/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee– taken into custody/transported to UVMMC ED

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

Arrestee – no injury/ transported to UVMMC ED per mothers request.

Officer – no injury

**17. 23BU010636**

5/29/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Agency Assist

Charges – Simple Assault charged by VSP

Synopsis

Complainant, a CSO, stated to the effect they had been told by a female in the BPD parking lot that they assaulted by a second female who was also present. An officer located three subjects, two females and one male. One female stated to the effect they had been assaulted by a female who was now walking away from the vehicle with a male. The officer called out for them to stop, the male did but the female continued to walk away. The officer approached her and stated to the effect they were not free to leave as the officer was investigating an assault. The



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officer stated to the effect the female appeared intoxicated and continued to try to leave over the next several minutes despite the officer stating to the effect they were being detained. The officer stated to the effect that they did not want to place her in handcuffs but would if they continued to try to leave. The female did not comply and still attempted to leave. The officer took hold of her left arm. Due to the female tensing up the officer had to physically move it behind her back. A second officer took hold of the female's right arm. The female stated that she did not want to go into handcuffs. Officer stated to the effect she could sit on the steps of the residence they were currently outside of (not the female's residence). The female agreed and was allowed to sit.

Officer learned that the assault had occurred on the interstate. VSP was notified and responded to take female into custody.

Arrestee Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Arrestee – detained and turned over to VSP custody  
White Female Age 35, 5'04", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

**18. 23BU010641**

5/29/23

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Call type – Welfare Check

Charges – None

Synopsis

Complainant called dispatch and stated to the effect while at Oakledge Park a female waded into the water with some personal possessions and stood there for a bit. She then came out of the water, walked around the bike path for a bit before laying down near the woods. They approached her and asked her if she was okay and she ignored them and just stared. Officers responded along with BFD and located the female who was soaking wet as were her belongings. BFD attempted to work with her, giving her a blanket but she remained uncommunicative. A doctor at UVMC ED stated to the effect that the female was to be brought to the ED. An officer spoke with the female stated to the effect that she could go to the hospital with BFD or in protective custody. The female walked to the ambulance but would not go in and officers had to physically assist the female to the ambulance stretcher. The ambulance started to leave but stopped after a short distance and they called for BPD. The



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female had begun to struggle with them trying to get up and leave ambulance. Three officer had to assist in physically holding the female on the stretcher until BFD could gain control of her.

Subject Actions – Actively resistant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls

Officer 4 – Empty hand controls

Subject– taken into protective custody/transported to UVMHC ED per ED doctor  
White Female Age 44, 5’05”, 130 lbs.

Subject – transported to UVMHC ED  
Officers– no injury

**19. 23BU010815**

5/31/23

Officers initiated

Call type – Disorderly Conduct

Charges – Simple Assault on a Police officer/Disorderly Conduct/Impeding Public Officers

Synopsis

While investigating a shooting that occurred at a downtown convenience store a male was observed by an officer laying in the middle of the north bound lane of South Winooski Avenue between Buell Street and Cherry Street, just north of the crime scene. The officer activated his blue lights and stopped near the male to prevent them from being run over. When the cruiser stopped the male stood up, jumped onto the hood of the police cruiser, ran across it and jumped off. The male then fled towards the crime scene. A CSO was directing traffic at the crime scene and the male jumped up onto a CSO car. The male then jumped off and the CSO moved him towards to approaching officers. Two officer each took hold of an arm and attempted to place him in handcuffs. The male actively resisted tensing his arms, not moving them together and three officers had to physically place them behind his back and place him in handcuffs. Officer brought him a cruiser and attempted to search him but he actively resisted, struggling against the officers, the officer brought the male to the ground where officers held his legs as he began to actively kick at officers. Shackles were brought out and placed on the male’s legs to prevent him from kicking officers. While being placed on the male he wrapped his leg around a kneeling officer’s leg and the officer legs became entrapped. The male then





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urinated on himself and the officer. The male refused to let go of the officer's leg. The officer took out his OC and stated to the effect to the male to release his leg or he would be sprayed. The male refused to comply and was pepper sprayed. The male then released the officer's leg. The male continued to struggle on the ground and officers had to physically pick up the male and place him into the back of the cruiser for transport to BPD. While at BPD the arrestee was decontaminated and evaluated per their request by BFD. Officer attempted to place the arrestee into a cell but they actively resisted and officer decided to place them back into a cruiser. Officer had to physically move the arrestee back to the cruiser as they arrestee was actively resisting being moved. At the cruiser the arrestee used their legs to brace themselves to prevent being placed into the cruiser. Officer placed the arrestee in a seated position on the floor. Officer gave him verbal instructions and the arrestee eventually got up and sat in the cruiser. When attempting to secure the arrestee with a seatbelt the arrestee attempted to exit the back seat and an officer had to push the arrestee back into the backseat. The arrestee was lodged at a correctional facility.

Subject Actions – Active resistance /assaultive

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal command/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/Verbal Commands/OC displayed/OC deployed

Officer 4 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/

Officer 5 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee– taken into custody and lodged at correctional facility.

White Male Age 20, 5'10", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury/requested evaluation for OC/BFD responded, evaluated and cleared arrestee

Officers – two officers suffered lacerations to their fingers