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**USE of Force Report**

**November 01, 2021 – November 30, 2021**

Total Number of Incidents for 11/1/21 – 11/30/21 – Incidents 1524

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 14

Total Uses of Force – 38

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – % 0.9

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 3

Black Female – 3

Asian Male – 1

White Male – 9

White Female – 1

**Incidents**

**#1 21BU018422 – Felony Arrest Aggravated on a Police Officer/Impeding a Police Officer/Resisting Arrest**

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

B Area

Caller advised they witnessed a person dressed in black pants/shirt attempting and gaining entry into parked vehicles (time of call 04:07 AM). Officer located the arrestee in the area and went out with him. Officer had located no other subjects in the area at this time. The arrestee was identified by dispatch and officers were informed that the arrestee had a history of being assaultive towards officers and was known to carry a knife and/or brass knuckles. The arrestee began to dig around inside a backpack he had been carrying. Officers gave him verbal commands to stop reaching in the bag but the arrestee ignored the requests. Officer then physically attempted to stop him from reaching into his backpack. Officers were able to place the arrestee into handcuffs while he continued to actively resist. Once in handcuffs the arrestee still attempted to pull away and resist officer placing him into a cruiser. Officers brought him to the ground in a controlled manner to gain better control. From the ground the arrestee kicked an officer in the face. Officer then used de-escalation, speaking to the arrestee in a clam voice and give him clear directions of what was going to happen. The arrestee stated he would comply and was assisted up from the ground by the officers. Once standing the arrestee began to resist again and was again given orders to stop resisting or OC would be deployed. While being placed seated into the cruiser but still facing out the arrestee kicked the cruiser door striking the officer with the door. The officer deployed his OC. The arrestee then charged out of the cruiser pinning the officers' leg between the arrestee and the cruiser. A second officer was able to pull the arrestee back into the cruiser. The arrestee began to slam his head and body of the partition in the cruiser and then attempted to lunge out of the cruiser when the door was opened. The officer again deployed his OC. While being decontaminated at BPD the arrestee complained of back pain and was seen and transported to UVMHC ER. After being cleared by ER staff the arrestee passively resisted leaving by laying on the floor refusing to move. When officers



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and ER staff brought a wheel chair and attempted to pick him off the floor, the arrestee began kicking at the officer and ER staff. Due to being in the ER OC was not a first option due to contamination. The officer drew his CEW and gave the arrestee a warning to comply. The arrestee did not comply. The officer used his CEW to apply a drive stun to the arrestee's leg and was able gain compliance. The arrestee was placed back in his ER bed and wheeled out the officer's cruiser. With help from ER staff the officer was able to place the arrestee into the cruiser. Arrestee lodged on \$10,000 bail set by judge.

White Male Age 25, 6'03" 265 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/Empty hand controls X2/OC warned/ deployed X2

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls X2/ CEW warned/ drive stun used

Officer 3 – handcuffing

Officers – injury to face and hands

Arrestee– seen at UVMMC ER for back injury cleared by ER

**#2 21BU01887- Felony Arrest on a Warrant**

Officer Generated

B Area

Arrestee had warrant for violation of a protection order. Officer went to residence and made contact with arrestee. The arrestee is known to officer. The arrestee has been violent towards police and resisted in previous incident when taken into custody. One officer was able to take control of one of arrestee's arms at which point he began to yell and resist. Due to his size in comparison to the officers, two officers drew their CEW and displayed them while giving the arrestee he needed to comply or he would tased. The arrestee refused and one officer placed his CEW on the arrestees back and again stated he need to comply or he would be tased. At this point the arrestee complied. Officers were able to place the arrestee into handcuffs and take him into custody without further incident.

White Male Age 32, 7'03", 325 lbs. – note this is not a typo

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/CEW warned/displayed

Officer 2 – CEW displayed

Officer 3 – empty hand controls – rear wrist lock/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury



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**#3 21BU019070– Arrest on a Warrant/ Arrest Simple Assault on a Police Officer/Possession of Methamphetamine/Possession of Regulated Drug/False Information to a Police Officer**

Complainant/Officers Dispatched  
D Area

Officer responded to a fight behind a building. As officers approached they observed the arrestee riding a bicycle out from behind the building where the fight had been reported. Officer stopped her and inquired about the fight. The female gave a false name to the officers. Through their investigation officers were able to confirm her true identity and that the arrestee had two active warrants for her arrest. While searching the female she made a statement that she was going to spit on the officer. The officer used his hand to turn her face down and away from him to prevent her from spitting on him. The officer was able to place the arrestee into the cruiser without further incident.

White Female Age 37, 5'06", 140 lbs.

1 Officers  
Officer 1 –empty hand control

Officers – uninjured  
Arrestee – uninjured

**#4 21BU019167 Arrest Felony 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault with a weapon**

Officer Initiated  
A Area

Officer located the arrestee who was wanted on a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Aggravated Domestic Assault with a firearm. The arrestee was inside his vehicle with the victim at the time he was located. The victim had earlier confirmed the arrestee had a snub nosed revolver in the vehicle that he had pointed at her and threatened to kill her. Officer conducted a high risk motor vehicle stop. Per protocol officer had their firearms pointed at the vehicle. Two officers had less than lethal munitions pointed at the vehicle. Officer were able to talk first the victim out of the vehicle and remove her to safety. The arrestee then let his dog out of the vehicle. The officers were then able to remove the arrestee and take him into custody without incident. The arrestee was taken to BPD. While at BPD the arrestee appeared to be having an asthma attack and was subsequently transported to UVMHC ER by BFD. While at the hospital the arrestee clogged a sink in the room he was in and attempted to drown himself in the sink. This resulted in the



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officer having to use force to pull his face out of the sink and bring him to the floor to place him in handcuffs. The arrestee was cleared by UVMCC ER staff. While attempting to bring him to the cruiser the arrestee actively resisted but they were able to place him into the cruiser. A judge set bail at \$25,000 and the arrestee was transported to the Northwest Correctional Facility in Saint Albans. While en-route the arrestee attempted to strangle himself on the seatbelt twice. This resulted in the officers transporting him to stop on I89 northbound and call for assistance from Chittenden County Sheriff's Department, Vermont State Police and Colchester Rescue. The ended up forming a caravan to finish the transport. As they continued the arrestee continued to bang his head of the partition of the cruiser and break pieces of Plexiglas off in attempt to make a shard he could stab himself with. Two Franklin County Deputies assisted at the correctional facility in getting the arrestee inside.

Black Male Age 20, 6'00", 220 lbs.

5 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/Firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – Firearm active pointing

Officer 3 – Less than lethal Projectile launcher displayed

Officer 4 – Verbal direction ordered/Firearm displayed/Empty hand controls

Officer 5 – – Less than lethal Projectile launcher displayed and pointed/Empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – transported for asthma attack to UVMCC ER by BFD

Victim – uninjured

**5. 21BU019292 Protective Custody**

Complainant/Officers dispatched

B Area

Three calls for a male jumping in-front of automobiles. An officer located the male and attempted to speak with him. The officer observed that the male was showing signs of alcohol intoxication and the male confirmed he has been drinking. Based on his intoxication and walking in and out of vehicle traffic the officer attempted to take the male into protective custody. The male actively resisted and the officer was able to bring him to the ground in a controlled manner. The male continued to resist but the officer was able to gain control of the male and place him in handcuffs.

White Male Age 38, 5'10", 195 lbs.



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1 Officer  
Officer 1 – Empty hand controls X3

Officer –not injured  
Subject – not injured

**6. 21BU19297 – Arrest on Warrant/Domestic Disturbance**

Complainant/Officers Dispatched  
B Area

Female caller stated the arrestee was in her apartment and she was scared for her safety. Upon arrival officers were notified that the arrestee had an active warrant for his arrest. The arrestee initially shut and locked the door on the officers with the female still inside. She eventually came out and officer spoke with the arrestee trying to get him to come out. The arrestee opened the door slightly then attempted to shut the door on the officers. Officer were able to push the door open and the arrestee attempted to strike or shove the officers. They were able to each to grasp an arm and force the arrestee back and into a seated position on a couch where he was placed in handcuffs.

White Male Age 66, 5’08”, 180 lbs.

2 Officers  
Officer 1 –Empty hand controls/handcuffing  
Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officers – uninjured  
Arrestee – uninjured

**7. 21BU019456 Reckless Endangerment**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched  
B Area

Complainant called stating they witnessed a female fire 6 rounds into a building. Officer arriving on scene searched the area for the female. Officers went to make contact with residents at the building. The male subject exited the building holding a firearm and the officer there yelled for the male to drop the firearm. Another officer standing on the street heard the first officer yell to someone to drop the firearm and drew his firearm, ran around to the side of the residence and pointed at the subject while a second officer gave them orders to drop the weapon. The subject dropped the firearm. The officer holstered his weapon.



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White Male Age 31, 5'10", 175 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing

Officer -uninjured

Subject–uninjured

**8. 21BU019489 Arrest Arson/Burglary/ Violation of Court Orders**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched

B Area

Complainant called stating the arrestee (same subject, different date as UOF Incident #5) had started a fire outside of the arrestee's old apartment (1 of 9 apartments in the building) and then kicked in the door of the apartment and entered it, this violated a court order to stay away from this residence. Officer arriving on scene locate the arrestee inside the building. Officers negotiated with the arrestee to get him to exit and he finally agreed to exit and pick up some of his items he left outside. Once outside officer observed the arrestee was intoxicated. Officer attempted to take him into custody and he began to walk away. An officer grabbed his arm and tried to escort him to place him against a wall to handcuff him. While doing so the arrestee tripped the on the wet uneven snowfall covered ground and both he and the officer fell forward into the building. The officer attempted to slow their descent but was unsuccessful. Once both were on the ground other officers assisted in handcuffing the arrestee. Officers brought the arrestee to the UVMCC ER as a precaution due to the fall. The arrestee was cleared by ER staff and lodged at Northwest Correctional Facility.

White Male Age 38, 5'10", 195 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing

Officer -uninjured

Subject–uninjured seen at UVMCC ER as precaution



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**9. 21BU019509 Arrest Disorderly Conduct**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched  
C Area

Complainant called about arrestee who was intoxicated and attempting to operate a motor vehicle. Officers arrived on scene and located the arrestee and observed her to be intoxicated. Officer offered a courtesy ride home or a cab but the arrestee declined they explained she could not drive to which she agreed and stated she lived nearby and left on foot. Before officers left the scene they observed her walking back to her vehicle and saw the lights flash on the vehicle leading them to believe she had unlocked the doors with a key fob. Due to the risk the arrestee presented to herself and the public by driving intoxicated she was taken into protective custody. Because the arrestee was uncooperative with staff they were denied at the facility. The officer had the cruiser door open for staff to evaluate the arrestee. After being denied the arrestee got out of the cruiser and actively resisted the officer placing her back into the cruiser. The arrestee attempted to knee the officer in the groin and they repositioned her facing the cruiser to prevent this. The arrestee began to kick backwards at the officer. The officer brought the arrestee to the ground and waited for other officers arrive. Two other officers arrived. One officer attempted to grab the arrestees' legs as she was still kicking at officers. The officer was able to control her legs and with the third officer they were able to pick her up and place her into the back of the cruiser for transport to a secure detox facility.

Black Female Age , 5'05", 170 lbs

3 Officers

Officer 1 – empty hand controls

Officer 2 – empty hand controls

Officer 3 – empty hand controls

Officer -uninjured

Arrestee –uninjured

**10. 21BU019630 Arrest Burglary**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched  
D Area

Complainant called advising he observed someone in his business (04:13 AM). Officer arriving on scene located an open door. While inside an officer observed the arrestee run out of the building and gave chase. The arrestee stopped running and the officer ordered the male onto the ground but the arrestee did not comply and began reaching into their pockets. The officer



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fearing the arrestee was reaching for a weapon drew his firearm and again ordered him onto the ground. The arrestee knelt down but refused to prone out. The officer kept the arrestee at gunpoint until other officers arrived on scene and were able to handcuff the arrestee. The officer then holstered his firearm.

White Male Age 38, 5'07", 167 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing

Officer -uninjured

Arrestee –uninjured

**11. 21BU019683 Burglary**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched

A Area

Complainant called stating he was with his wife and child secured in a bathroom in the residence and that two unknown subjects had entered their residence. Officer arrived on scene and located an open door to the residence. Two officers drew their firearms, announced their presence and entered the residence to attempt to locate the subjects. While searching the came in contact with the arrestee (same subject as in UOF Incident #5 and #8). The officer pointed their firearms at the subject. The subject was taken into custody and the rest of the residence cleared with no other subjects located.

White Male Age 38, 5'10", 195 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – firearm active pointing

Officer -uninjured

Arrestee–uninjured

**12. 21BU019723 Suspicious Event**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched

C Area

Complainant called 911 stating her granddaughter had called her stating 3 males had broken into her residence and tried to shoot her. A second 911 call came in from the same area where the granddaughter resided about a male knocking on windows saying he was being chased and





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to call the police. Responding officers believed the two calls were related. Officer arriving at the granddaughter's residence observed a motor vehicle in front of the residence occupied by three subjects. Due to a firearm being involved officer made contact from a distance, drew their firearms, but did not point them at the subjects in the vehicle and attempted to call out the occupants to them. The female driver exited the vehicle and positioned herself between the officers and the vehicle refusing to comply with officer's request to walk to him so he could speak with her. The officer explained that they were called there for a report of someone trying to shoot someone at that residence and again asked her to walk to him so they could get the other subjects out of the vehicle and figure out what had occurred. The female continued to turn and speak with the two other occupants. The officer holstered his firearm and with another officer approached the female and placed her in handcuffs. The female actively resisted but officer were able to place her into handcuffs. The female was escorted to the rear of the cruiser and informed she was being detained and was not free to leave. The female refused to give her name. The officer offered to help the female sit on the curb to which she agreed to. Other officer were able to remove the two other subjects so the officer removed the handcuffs from the female and explained the nature of the incident to her. One rear passenger was a male who was removed from the vehicle and placed in handcuffs without incident. The second rear passenger was a female who was removed and detained. The female from the back seat lived at the residence but was moving out and had stopped by with the other male and female to pick up her possessions. From their investigation officer learned that the female from the back seat had lived at the residence for a week but had been asked to leave. While removing property a disturbance ensued but the residents would not elaborate what the disturbance entailed. The subjects from the car stated that nothing happened.

Black Female Age 19, 5'09", 165 lbs.

Black Female Age 20, 5'01", 130 lbs.

Black Male Age 30, 5'10", 185 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm displayed/Verbal direction asked/Verbal direction ordered X2/Empty hand controls/Handcuff control

Officer 2 – firearm displayed

Officer 3 – firearm displayed

Officer -uninjured

Subjects –uninjured



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**13. 21BU019745 Suspicious Event**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched  
D Area

Complainant stopped a third party to have them call 911 as he had been shot at by a white vehicle on Main Street. Upon arrival with the complainant he stated that there were two vehicles involved a black SUV and yellow truck. Officer located a yellow truck parked and running in a nearby parking lot with a lone subject standing next to it. Due to the possibility of a firearm officer drew their firearms and pointed them at the male. The male was given orders to walk back to them where he was placed into handcuffs and detained. A pat down turned up a firearm on the males' person and second firearm was recovered from the truck.

Asian Male Age 21, 5'09", 170 lbs.

4 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing  
Officer 2 – firearm active pointing  
Officer 3 – firearm active pointing  
Officer 4 – firearm active pointing

Officer -uninjured  
Subject–uninjured

**14. 21BU019760 Arrest Simple Assault/Simple Assault on a Police Officer**

Complainants/Officers Dispatched  
D Area

Complainant called stating that he had beat up someone who was assaulting a female then called back and stated a gun had been pointed at him. Arriving Officers located the arrestees fighting over something that the officers could not observe. Believing it could be the firearm mentioned by the caller the officers drew their firearms and pointed them at the males. Once the arrestees were separated officer observed that their hands were empty and holstered their firearms. One arrestee was compliant and was handcuffed and taken into custody. The second arrestee did not comply when attempts were made to take him into custody and wanted to continue fighting with the first arrestee. While the arrestee was distracted an officer was able to bring him in a controlled manner to the ground. There the officer was able to place the arrestee into handcuffs. The officer sustained a minor injury to his arm during this. This arrestee was not injured during the use of force. Later while being transported the arrestee struck his



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head off the partition numerous times and had to be brought to UVMCC ER for evaluation for a laceration to his head. The arrestee was cleared by ER staff.

Black Male Age 55, 6'02", 170 lbs.

White Male Age 34, 5'10", 160 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm active pointing/Verbal direction ordered

Officer 2 – firearm active pointing/Empty hand controls-ground handcuffing

Officer 3 – firearm active pointing/empty hand controls

Officer –minor injury

Arrestee 1–uninjured

Arrestee 2 – not injured by UOF/self-injury brought to UVMCC ER for evaluation