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USE of Force Report
October 01, 2022 – October 31, 2022

Total Number of Incidents for 10/1/22 – 10/31/22 – Incidents 2199

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 11

Total Uses of Force – 26

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

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 4

White Male – 12

White Female – 9

Incidents

#1 22BU018632 Arrest Felony Sale of Heroin

Officer Generated

Officers were looking for the arrestee to take into custody on Felony Sale of Heroin charges. Two officers observed the arrestee on a public sidewalk. The first officer approached the arrestee announcing themselves as Burlington Police and for the arrestee to put their hands behind their back. A second officer approaching the arrestee announced he was under arrest. The arrestee ignored the commands and fled on foot from the officers. A third officer approaching from the direction the arrestee ran was able to grab them and push the arrestee up against a wall. The arrestee started to break free but was taken to the ground by one of the approaching officers. One officers had to physically pull the arrestees hands out from under their body as they refused to put them behind their back. The officer were then able to handcuff the arrestee and take them into custody without further incident.

Black Male Age 26, 5' 07", 170 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal direction/empty hand control

Officer 3 – Verbal direction/empty hand control

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – no injury



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#2 22BU018675 Felony Arrest Assault and Robbery

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

The arrestee was wanted for assaulting a disabled victim at an ATM and taking their money. Officer received information that the arrestee was in a local store. Upon arrival an officer entered the store but did not observe arrestee. When the officer spoke with staff they stated the arrestee had run out of the store when the officer entered. The officer exited the store and observed the arrestee who then fled on foot. The officer pursued the arrestee on foot catching up to them. The officer was familiar with the arrestee and knew them to be assaultive towards law enforcement. The arrestee turned and raised their arm, the officer took hold of the arrestees arm. While doing this the arrestee fell over onto their back on the ground. The officer was able to roll them into a prone position, remove one hand from underneath their body and place them in handcuffs.

White Female Age 39, 5' 09", 200 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestee – injury - On scene was the officer observed a wound on their left thigh of the arrestee that was pre-existing but causing them pain. BFD was dispatched and evaluated the wound but the arrestee declined further medical. At BPD the arrestee complained of wrist pain and was taken to UVMHC ER for x-rays which showed no injury to the wrist. The arrestee was cleared and released by the ER.

#3 22BU0019029 Arrest Homicide

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Multiple calls for a subject that had just been shot inside a residence. Officers arriving on scene found the victim deceased from multiple gunshot wounds. The arrestee had fled the scene. Witness on scene were able to assist the officers in identifying the arrestee and the vehicle they were operating. While officers were on scene they learned of a second homicide that had just occurred in South Burlington on Williston Road. The arrestee's description matched the suspect in that homicide as well. The arrestee was observed by an officer on the perimeter driving by the crime scene. A second officer located the arrestee and vehicle at a local gas station. The arrestee fled in the vehicle with the officer following. The vehicle stopped and the arrestee got out. The officer exited their vehicle and drew their firearm pointing it at the arrestee. The officer ordered the arrestee to get on the ground. The arrestee refused to comply and yelled that the officer would have to shoot him. The arrestee then returned to their vehicle and drove off. The officer followed. The arrestee drove to the bottom of King Street to the ferry dock and



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fled on foot. The officer called for more units. Upon their arrival a perimeter was set up. The officer advised to the officers arriving on scene the comments the arrestee made about having to shoot him. Just after the perimeter was set up the arrestee walked out. Officers pointed their firearms, a CEW and LLIM at the arrestee gave them commands to show their hands but they refused to comply. The arrestee continued to advance towards officers refusing to stop when told to. An officer deployed his CEW, it struck the arrestee but it had no effect. A less than lethal munition was deployed twice, striking the arrestee, shortly thereafter the arrestee complied and got down into a prone position. The arrestee was taken into custody without further incident.

Black Male Age 52, 6'01" 185 lbs.

6 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm active pointing

Officer 2 – Firearm active pointing/LLIM active pointing/LLIM fired X2

Officer 3 – Firearm active pointing

Officer 4 – Firearm active pointing

Officer 5 – Verbal commands/Firearm active pointing

Officer 6 – Verbal direction ordered/CEW active pointing/CEW fired X2

Arrestee– injury, laceration to forearm from LLIM/Transported to UVMMC ER, treated and released to BPD

Officers – no injury

#4 22BU019237 Felony Arrest Aggravated Sexual Assault and Sale of Narcotics

Officer Initiated

Officers conducted a search warrant on a residence to arrestee a subject wanted for a sexual assault and sale of narcotics. The officer learned that there were up to 12 subjects in the residence and that firearms may be present. The officer approached the door and knocked and announced Burlington Police with a search warrant multiple times. A male subject answered the door. One officer pointed their firearms at the subject. The officer gave commands for the subject to exit the residence. The subject complied and was detained in handcuffs. This occurred 11 more times as 11 subjects were called out from the residence, placed in handcuffs and detained. The officer released the subjects from handcuffs as soon as they were determined not to be carrying firearms and/or were not the wanted subject.

White Male Age 45, 6' 02", 185 lbs.

White Female Age 30, 5'03", 140 lbs.

White Female Age 26, 5'09", 125 lbs.

White Female Age 38, 5' 07", 170 lbs.

White Female Age 30, 5'10", 154 lbs.



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White Male Age 43, 5'08", 160 lbs.
White Female Age 31, 5'01", 130 lbs.
White Female Age 35, 5'11", 240 lbs.
White Male Age 33, 5'11", 170 lbs.
White Male Age 53, 5'06" 140 lbs.
White Male Age 52, 5'09", 170 lbs.
Black Male Age 25, 5'07", 140 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/firearm pointed

Officers – no injury

Subjects – no injury

Arrestee – no injury

#5 22BU019659 Protective Custody

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Caller, mother of subject, stated the subject was "out of control" and breaking things inside of residence. Officers arriving on scene met with mother outside of residence. Officers announced their presence at the door and tried to call the subject to them. The officers observed the front door window was smashed, the inside of the residence had numerous broken items and broken glass was covering the floors. Neighbors alerted the police the subject had fled through a window in the back of the residence. Officer were concerned the subject had injured themselves due to the amount of damage they had observed. Officer were able to locate the subject at a nearby intersection. The subject continued to walk away from the officers and the officers followed verbally trying to have the subject stopped. The subject refused to stop and then ran from officers. Two officers chased after and were able to catch up to the subject. Once they caught up to the subject the subject was briefly placed in handcuffs and checked for injuries. No injuries were located and the subject was taken out of handcuffs. The subject then had to be restrained by hand by officers. BFD was contacted and arrived on scene. Officers had to physically assist BFD personnel in placing the subject on a gurney. BFD personnel and officers assisted and strapping the subject onto the gurney. The subject kicked a BFD firefighter in the stomach and spit on three officers. The subject's mother arrived and they began to swear at her and tell her they wished she would die. The subject was placed in soft restraints and transported to UVMHC ER for a mental health evaluation. Three officers had to be decontaminated from their exposure to being spat on by subject.

Black Male Age 12, 5' 04", 180 lbs.



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2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Verbal direction/empty hand control

Officers – decontamination from bodily fluids (saliva)

Subject – no injury/Transported to UVMHC ER for mental health evaluation

#6 22BU019910 Felony Arrest Burglary

Complainant/ Officers dispatched

Commercial Alarm Company called in an alarm at local convenience store. A Officer arriving first on scene observed broken glass from the front door of the store. The lone officer did not know if the arrestees were still in the store and/or if they were armed. The officer drew his firearm and approached the doorway. The officer observed a subject on their phone with a firearm arm in their other hand pointed at the two arrestees, dressed in ski masks and dark clothing just inside the door of the store. The officer pointed their firearm at the subject and ordered them to drop their firearm. The subject complied. The subject stated that a third subject had fled from the store and that he was on the phone with the owner of the store. The officer then pointed his firearm at the two arrestees in the store. The officer called the two arrestees out and had them prone out on the ground. The officer continued to cover them with their firearm. A second officer arrived on scene and placed the two arrestees into handcuffs and searched them. The first officer then holstered their firearm.

White Male Age 11, 5' 05", 130 lbs.

White Male Age 14, 5'07", 170 lbs.

White Male Age 54, 5, 09" 180 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal direction/ empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestees – no injury



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#7 22BU020650 Arrests - 1st arrestee Disorderly Conduct/Violation of Court Orders. 2nd Arrestee Disorderly Conduct/ Impeding Public Officers/Unlawful Trespass

Complainant/ Officers dispatched

Park Ranger called stated they observed a variety of ordinance violation in City Hall Park and needed assistance dealing with them. Officer arriving on scene and one officer was standing by with the park ranger as they began moving the tent. The arrestee approached and took a tent pole from the hands of the park ranger and told the park ranger to "get off her shit" The officer advised that the tent which did not belong to the arrestee was being removed. The arrestee then threw the tent pole at the officer. A second officer on scene advised that the arrestee was under arrest and to put their hands behind their back. The arrestee did not comply so two officers took hold of the arrestees arms and physically moved them behind their back. The arrestee was placed in handcuffs. At the police cruiser the arrestee was being searched and continued to try and turn around at the officers. One officer had to hold the arrestee up against the cruiser to prevent this. The arrestee was transported to BPD without incident.

The second arrestee who stated claims to the tent continued to enter the park after being trespassed and an officer told her that she would be arrested if she continued entering the park. While officers were arresting Arrestee #1 the arrestee attempted to stop the officers from doing so. The arrestee attempted to stop them from handcuffing, searching and transporting the subject. The second arrestee was told they were under arrest. An officer took a hold of their arm attempted to place it behind the arrestee's back, the arrestee actively resisted thrashing around attempting to break free. A second officer and an officer from a local department who was driving by assisted in bringing the arrestee's other arm behind their back and the officer was able to handcuff them.

White Female Age 40, 5'05" 225 lbs.

White Female Age 39, 5'09" 200 lbs.

3 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/ empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestees – no injury



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#8 22BU020788 Arrest on a Warrant

Complainant/ Officers dispatched

Complainant called about the arrestee trespassing. When officers arrived they made contact with the arrestee. When they checked the arrestee with BPD dispatch they found that the arrestee had an active warrant for their arrestee. An officer informed them about the warrant and that they were under arrest. The arrestee began to walk away from officers. An officer approached the arrestee and took a hold of one arm and stopped them from leaving. The officer was able to move the arrestee off balance and bring the arrestees arm behind his back. A second officer moved the arrestees other arm behind their back and they were placed in handcuffs without incident.

White Male Age 28, 5'07" 130 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/ empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officers – no injury

Arrestees – no injury

#9 22BU029014 Arrest Simple Assault 2 counts/Resisting arrest/Disorderly Conduct

Complainant/ Officers dispatched

Complainant called about a male and female shouting at each other and the male was gripping the females arm and refusing to let go. During the call the complainant stated the male punched a female in the face and pushed another female. After investigating the incident officer had probable cause to arrest the arrestee for simple assault and disorderly conduct. Other officers had located the arrestee nearby and observed that the arrestee was intoxicated. An officer told the arrestee they were under arrest and to place their hands behind their back. The arrestee did not comply. Two officers had to physically place the arrestee's arms behind their back. The arrestee actively resisted trying to pull away and kick. Officer were able to place the arrestee in handcuffs but they continued to resist even after being placed in handcuffs. The arrestee was brought to the ER for alcohol screening. While the officer was attempting to have the arrestee get out of the cruiser at the ER the arrestee resisted getting out. The officer was able to get the arrestee out by pulling them but fell over onto the ground scraping their shoulder. The arrestee was screened at the ER and a band aid was put on a scrape they had received when they fell next to the cruiser. The arrestee was brought to NWCF for detox.

White Male Age 28, 6'00" 130 lbs.



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2 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/ empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officers – no injury

Arrestees – scrape on left shoulder/screened at UVMHC ER/band aid applied to scrape and released.

#10 22BU020918 Arrest Aggravated Assault

Complainant/ Officers dispatched

Complainant called about a large fight at Church and Main Street. Upon arrival an officer observed the arrestee being detained by witnesses. The officer approached and took the arrestees arms and physically moved them behind their back and placed them in handcuffs without incident. The arrestee was detained at this point and was later arrested for aggravated assault.

White Male Age 21, 5'07" 135 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/ empty hand controls/handcuffing

Officers – no injury

Arrestees – no injury

#11 22BU020926 Disorderly Conduct impeding Motor vehicle traffic

Officer initiated

Officer was responding to separate call and observe the subject in the intersection of Main Street and Church Street attempting to direct traffic. The officer observed the male was blocking traffic and was concerned that the male would be hit by a vehicle. The officer exited his vehicle and took hold of the male and escorted them out of the roadway and onto the sidewalk. The officer observed the male was intoxicated.

White Male Age 21, 5'10" 150 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/ empty hand controls



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Officers – no injury
Subject – no injury

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