



POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF BURLINGTON

USE of Force Report
September 01, 2022 – September 21, 2022

Total Number of Incidents for 9/1/22 – 9/22/22 – Incidents 1795

Total Number of UOF Incidents - 8

Total Uses of Force – 9

Percent of UOF Incidents vs. Total Incidents – .45%

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 1

White Male – 7

White Female – 1

Incidents

#1 22BU16335 Stolen Vehicle/Recovered Stolen Property

Complainant/Officers dispatched

Saint Albans PD called asking for assistance locating a stolen vehicle from their jurisdictions that was located by the car company. The stolen vehicle's location was a parking garage in the city of Burlington. Officer located the stolen vehicle in the parking garage and were waiting for a tow truck to arrive when they observed the vehicles lights flash and a male and female approach the vehicle, open the doors to the vehicle placing bags and a dog into it. One officer activated the blue lights on the police cruiser and the second exited the police cruiser. That officer drew their firearm but kept it down by their leg as they approached the vehicle. The officer gave them commands to show their hands to which they complied. The officer then holstered his firearm. The second officer exited the cruiser and observing a folding knife in the waist band of the male had the male place his hands on his head while the officer secured the knife. Both subjects were not placed in handcuffs but were interviewed by the officers.

White Male Age 44, 5'09", 190 lbs.

White Female Age 19, 5'02" 172 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm displayed

Officers -uninjured

Subjects – uninjured



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#2 22BU016660 Homicide

Caller/Officer Dispatched

Multiple 911 calls for gun fire in a city park. Officers on patrol on Church Street also heard the gunshots. Responding officers drew their weapons as they approached the park. Once in the park the officer located a deceased victim with gunshot wounds. Officers kept their firearms out until the scene was deemed safe, numerous subjects observed the firearms but the officers never pointed them at an individual subject.

No Subjects

3 Officers

Officer 1 – firearm displayed

Officer 2 – firearm displayed

Officer 3 – firearm displayed

Officers – no injury

#3 22BU016732 Arrest Burglary

Complainant/Officer responded

At 6:03 AM a caller stated they could observe four subjects breaking into a closed Church Street Marketplace store. Three responding officers arrived on scene and observed the arrestee and two other suspects exit a store with armfuls of clothing. Two suspect ran with two officers in foot pursuit. The suspects were able to get into a vehicle and drive off. The arrestee attempted to walk away the one officer remaining told them to stop but the arrestee did not comply. The officer was able to take hold of the arrestee who began to resist, pulling away from the officer. The officer attempted to place the arrestee's hands behind their back but they grabbed onto a light post and did not follow commands. The officer brought the arrestee to the ground. The two other officer returned and they were able to place the arrestee in handcuffs. The arrestee stated they had smoked crack earlier and were having trouble breathing. Officers had BFD respond to evaluate the arrestee. The arrestee was transported to UVMHC ER for evaluation and released back into the custody of BPD.

White Male Age 39, 6'05", 327 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls/handcuffing



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Arrestee – no injury – transported to UVMHC ER due to drug intoxication/difficulty breathing
Officers – no injury

#4 22BU16734 Disorderly Conduct/Arrest on Warrants

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Complaint called stating the arrestee was causing a disruption in their business on Main Street. A second caller stated the arrestee was attempting to get into a race course pace vehicle for the Burlington Criterion Bicycle Race that was currently occurring. Upon arrival two officers located the arrestee, who attempted to enter a private secured building but was rebuffed by a subject at the door. The officers attempted to identify the arrestee but they refused. Concerned that the male was intoxicated they asked if the arrestee could walk. The arrestee promptly walked out into vehicle traffic and then tried to sit in chairs placed out by individuals to watch the bicycle race. The arrestee would not leave the roadway and had to be escorted to the sidewalk by one of the officers. Based on the arrestees behaviors the officer decided to take them into protective custody. The arrestee did not comply at first but one officer was able to de-escalate them into sitting down. The officer called for a third officer due to the size of the arrestee. When the third officer arrived the arrestee refused to place their hands behind their back. Two officer each took an arm of the arrestee. The arrestee resisted, struggling and trying to pull away. The officers attempted to lower him to the ground, but one officer tripped over the arrestee's leg and both fell to the ground. The arrestee was able to get one of his arms underneath themselves and refused to pull it out and place it behind his back. One officer gave distractionary strikes to the hip area but the arrestee did not remove his arm. The second officer was able to physically pull the arm out after a struggle and the arrestee was handcuffed. The arrestee refused to sit up and allow the officers to stand them up. One officer displayed his OC and warned the arrestee to comply or he would be spayed. The third officer spoke with the male and was able to de-escalate the arrestee and they complied with the officers orders. The arrestee became non complainant again at the police cruiser and the officers had to pick them up and physically place them into the cruiser. Dispatch advised the arrestee had two active warrants for their arrest.

White Male Age 43, 5'09", 246 lbs.

2 Officers

Officer 1 –open hand techniques/distractionary strikes/OC displayed

Officer 2 – Verbal command/empty hand controls

Officers –no injury

Arrestee – cut lip – transported to UVMHC ER



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5. 22BU016972 Search Warrant

Officer Initiated

Officer assisting in the service of a search warrant in connection with a homicide that occurred in Burlington. The officer had their firearm out as they called subjects out of the building. The subject appeared in the doorway of the residence and was called out to the officers. The officer had their firearm pointed at the subject until they were detained by other officers.

Black Male Age 56, 5'08", 225 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – Firearm pointed/verbal commands

Officer –not injured

Subject – not injured

6. 22BU017460 Domestic Disturbance/Arrest on Warrant

Complainants/Officers Dispatched

Victim called stating her boyfriend had physically assaulted her inside their residence. Upon arrival the arrestee had fled the scene. Officers had prior knowledge that the arrestee had an confirmed active warrant for their arrest and would run/avoid contact with police A officer remained on scene to investigate the assault. Officers canvassed the area looking for the arrestee. The arrestee was spotted by an officer and they fled from them. The officer followed on foot. The arrestee came around a corner to find a second officer driving down the street towards them. The arrestee then stopped allowing the first officer to catch up. The officer driving exited their vehicle and drew their CEW and covered the arrestee while the first officer placed them in handcuffs.

White Male Age 47, 5'09", 155 lbs.

1 Officers

Officer 1 –CEW displayed/pointed

Officers – uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured



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7. 22BU17810 Parking Compliant

CSO generated

CSO was issuing a parking ticket for subjects van. The operator became enrage yelling “fuck you” over and over and getting into the CSOP’s personal space. The operator would go back to the van then come out and repeat the behavior. The operator did this several times. The CSO asked them to back away them each time. The CSO became concerned for their safety and took out their OC but did not point it at the operator. The CSO then went back to their vehicle to get away from the operator. The operator got into the van and drove off.

White Male Age Unk, Unk”, Unk lbs.

1 CSO

CSO 1 – OC displayed

CSO -uninjured

Subject –uninjured

8. 21BU014905– Arrest Stolen Vehicle /Driving while License Suspended

Officers generated

Officer was driving in downtown Burlington observed a motor vehicle that had a “be on the lookout for”. The vehicle had been reported stolen. The officer conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle. They observed two subjects in the front seat when the vehicle stopped. The officer drew their firearm and pointed the firearm at the two subjects and gave orders to turn off the vehicle and to show their hands. The subjects complied. The officer then waited for a second unit to arrive. A second officer arrived on scene and both subjects were placed in handcuffs and detained. The operator was arrested for possession of stolen property and driving while license suspended.

White Male Age 45, 5’11”, 210 lbs.

White Male Age 36, 6’01”, 160 lbs.

1 Officer

Officer 1 – firearm pointed/verbal commands

Officers -uninjured

Arrestee – uninjured

Subject - uninjured