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CITY OF BURLINGTON

USE of Force Report

April 01, 2024 – April 30, 2024

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 4/01/24 – 4/30/24 – Total Number of UOF Incidents - 2248

Total Uses of Force – 30

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

Race/Gender of Arrestee/Subject in UOF Incidents

Black Male – 4

Black Female – 1

White Male – 9

White Female – 5

Asian Male – 1

Incidents

1. 24BU006543

4/1/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Domestic Disturbance

Charges – Arrest on Warrant/Interference with Law Enforcement

Synopsis

A female called stating to the effect her friend had just called her stating her boyfriend would not let her leave her residence. The caller also stated to the effect that there was a temporary restraining order in effect against the boyfriend. Officer checked with dispatch and learned the boyfriend had 2 active arrest warrants. Officers responded to the victim’s residence and attempted to make contact with the victim. The officers observed the suspect pull back a curtain and look out a window, then shut the curtain. Officers went back to the door and the victim answered the door and stated that the suspect had jumped out a back window. An officer ran to the back and observed the suspect jumping a fence. The officer pursued the suspect on foot stating to the effect to the suspect to stop. An officer responding heard the direction of travel of the fleeing suspect and went to the general area the suspect was in. A



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short time later the officer heard rustling noise a short distance from his location and ran towards the sound. The officer knew from previous law enforcement contact that the suspect has been known to carry a firearm. The officer observed the suspect run out from behind a residence. The officer drew and pointed his firearm at the suspect and stated to the effect loud, clear and definitive verbal commands to the suspect for him to get on the ground and put his arms out to the side. The suspect complied. An off-duty officer from a neighboring agency that had been nearby approached the officer and provided cover for the officer. The officer holstered his weapon and was able to physically move the arrestee's arms behind his back in the prone position and place him into handcuffs.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody and taken to court on warrants

White male Age 38, 5'10", 145 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

2. 24BU07279

4/11/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Municipal Ordinance Violation

Charges – Vermont Municipal Ticket issued

Synopsis

An officer walking on the Church Street Market Place observed a male subject smoking a tobacco product on the Market Place, which is a City Ordinance Violation. The officer spoke with the male stated to the effect they could not smoke on the Market Place and to put the tobacco product out. The male stated to the effect that he did not care and continued to walk away. The officer stated to the effect for the male to stop and asked who he was. The male refused to tell the officer his name and continued to walk. The officer stated to the effect that he had to stop and identify himself due to his ordinance violation or the officer would have to stop him. The male continued to walk away. The officer had to approach the male and physically take hold of his arms to stop him. The male tensed up and stated to the effect yelling that he had done nothing. The officer took hold of the male's right arm and wrist and walked him to a set of steps and had the male sit down. The male then identified himself and was issued a Vermont Municipal Ticket for smoking on the Church Street Market Place. The male



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then requested to speak with Street Outreach. The officer contacted Street Outreach for the male.

Subject Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Subject – issued Vermont Municipal Ticket

White male Age 47, 6’00”, 220 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

3. 24BU07332

4/12/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Operations

Charges – Drug Sales/Arrest on Warrant

Synopsis

Officer conducted a narcotic search warrant on three separate apartments within one building. An officer had his firearm displayed while entering the first apartment where a male subject observed the firearm. A second officer entering the apartment encountered a female subject and their firearm was pointed at her as the officer stated to the effect for her to place her hands on her head. She complied and was compliantly handcuffed and detained. The second officer was clearing a second apartment and encountered a male subject on the second floor of the apartment and had to handcuff that male. A third officer was outside of an apartment window and two female subjects observed the officer’s firearm displayed. A fourth officer was searching the second apartment and pointed his firearm at a female subject on a bed. The officer stated to the effect for the female to stand up and to show her hands. The female complied. While the female was doing this a male subject entered the room from the hallway with his hands on his head facing away from the officer. The officer pointed his firearm at the male subject and stated to the effect for the male to stop. The male complied. Officers entered and compliantly handcuffed the female and male.

Subjects Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Firearm displayed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed/handcuffing

Officer 3 – Firearm displayed



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Officer 4 – Verbal direction/firearm pointed

Subjects – investigative detention and released

Black male, Age 44, 5'11", 140 lbs.

Black male, Age 43, 6'05", 267 lbs.

White female Age 48, 5'03", 190 lbs.

White female Age 52, 5'04", 140 lbs.

White female Age 39, 5'07", 230 lbs.

Subjects – no injury

Officers – no injury

4. 24BU07395

4/13/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Intoxication

Charges – None

Synopsis

A caller stated to the effect their 17 year old son was either intoxicated or on drugs and was acting erratically. They stated to the effect that he was swearing, threatening and lunging at them. An officer arrived on scene and spoke with a female who directed him to the rear of the residence. The officer observed the male subject swinging his fists at the subject's father. The officer entered through a door and stated to the effect for the male subject to stop. The male subject turned and began to swing his fists at the officer. The officer was able to deflect the punches and take hold of the male subject's wrists and cross the male subjects arms. The officer pulled the male out onto the patio area and stated to the effect to get on the ground. The male lost his balance and the officer who still had hold of the male's hands was able to bring him onto the ground in a controlled manner. The officer was then able to bring the males hands behind his back and place him into handcuffs.

Subject Actions – Assaultive

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Subject – taken into protective custody, transported by BFD to UVMCC ED due to intoxication

White male Age 17, 5'07", 124 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury



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5. 24BU007843

4/19/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Search Warrant

Charges – Narcotic sales

Synopsis

Officers conducted search warrant at a residence. Two officer conducting the search warrant pointed their firearms at subject. An officer gave the subject verbal commands stating to the effect for the subject to place their hands on their head and face away from officers. The subject complied and was compliantly handcuffed.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Arrestee – taken into custody

White male Age 40, 5’10”, 185 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

6. 24BU007944

4/20/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Mental Health

Charges – None

Synopsis

The female subject called 911 stated to the effect they heard a shot and hung up. BPD was able to locate the residence the call had come from and officers responded. Upon arrival officer made contact with the female caller. Officers observed the interior of the female’s apartment had been severely damaged and there were a multitude of safety concerns. Officer observed a fire extinguisher had been discharged making it hard to breathe in the apartment, smoke detectors destroyed, a bathroom ceiling fan ripped down, broken glass in the shower and knives scattered around the apartment. The female was stating there were subjects in the walls and would then starting yelling at the walls and ceilings. The female stated she had not eaten in four to five days as she believed that “Bill” was poisoning her food. The female then



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pointed at cracks in the walls staging that was where "Bill" was. The female also produced two raw deer hearts from her purse and waved them around. First Call was called to the scene to evaluate. Officer were concerned for the female and for the other residents in the apartment building. Officer asked her numerous times to voluntarily go up to UVMMC ED but she refused. Officer took the female into protective custody. Two officers took hold of the female's arms. The female tensed up and tried to pull away. The two officers were able to bring her arms behind her back where a third office handcuffed her and had her sit on her couch. When BFD arrived the female refused to walk to the stretcher and two officers had to pick up the female and carry her to the stretcher and place her onto it.

Subjects Actions – Active Resistance/Passive Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Officer 3 – Empty hand controls/handcuffing

Subject – transported by BFD

White Female Age 37, 5'08", 168 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

7. 24BU008014

4/21/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Arrest on Warrant

Charges – Arrest on Warrant

Synopsis

An officer on patrol observed a female subject they believed to be wanted. The officer went out with the female and explained why they were being stopped and that they were being detained. A check confirmed that the female had an active arrest warrant with bail for her arrest. The officer observed the arrestee was becoming upset and began to back up. The officer stated to the effect if the arrestee ran there would be additional charges of resisting arrest but as of now she just had the warrant. The arrestee ran from the officer. After a brief pursuit the officer caught up to the arrestee and brought her to the ground. The officer stated to the effect that she was under arrest and to put her arms behind her back. The officer attempted to bring the arrestee's arms behind her back getting her right arm placed there but the arrestee resisted the officer's initial attempts to bring her left arm behind her back. The



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officer was able to gain control of the arrestee's left arm and bring it behind her back and place her in handcuffs.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal direction advised/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody, processed and lodged on bail

Black female Age 28, 5'01", 118 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

8. 24BU008031

4/21/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Eluding Police

Charges – Eluding Police

Synopsis

An officer on patrol observed a motor vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Shelburne Rd cross into the oncoming lane of southbound traffic near the shopping plaza. The officer activated their blue lights and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed and continued northbound. The officer pursued for a short period of time but the pursuit was called off due to public safety concerns. A short time later a call was received in dispatch concerning a vehicle that had crashed. Officers arrived on scene and observed it was the vehicle that fled from police earlier. A high risk motor vehicle stop was conducted. A female exited the vehicle when commanded to. Both officers had their firearms pointed at her. The female complied with orders and was handcuffed and taken into custody. The female stated that the operator had fled the scene.

Subjects Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/firearm pointed

Subject – investigative detention and released.

White female Age 41, 5'02", 125 lbs.

Subject – no injury



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Officers – no injury

9. 24BU008129

4/22/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Aggravated Assault

Charges – Aggravated Assault/Violation of Conditions of Release/Arrest on Warrant X2

Synopsis

BFD called stating to the effect that three males were fighting and one had pulled out a machete. BFD gave a description of the male subject with the machete. Simultaneously an officer that was on foot patrol observed a male with a machete engaged with another male. The unarmed male ran from the male with the machete. The male with the machete then turned and began to walk towards the officer. The officer drew their firearm and pointed it the male armed with the machete. The officer stated to the effect three times for the male to drop the machete. The male initially refused to drop the stating to the effect verbally he would not drop it and finally complied on the third command and dropped the machete. The male was compliantly handcuffed and detained. Officers later learned through their investigation the male being detained had taken the machete away from the suspect.

Subject Actions – Non compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Subject – investigative detention

White male Age 44, 5'10", 160 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

10. 24BU008163

4/23/24

Officer Initiated

Call type – Drug sales

Charges – Narcotic Sales

Synopsis

Officer had located a male wanted for narcotic sales. Officer responded to the area where the male was located in his vehicle. The male was known to carry firearms. Three officer approached the vehicle with their firearms out and pointed at the male. An officer gave verbal



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directions to the male who complied with orders. The arrestee was safely removed from the vehicle and handcuffed.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal direction ordered/Firearm pointed

Officer 2 – Firearm pointed

Officer 3 – Verbal direction ordered/Firearm pointed/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody, processed and lodged on bail
Black male Age 42, 5'11", 120 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officers – no injury

11. 24BU008213

4/23/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Burglary

Charges – Violation of Conditions of Release/Unlawful Mischief/Disorderly Conduct

Synopsis

Dispatch received multiple 911 calls regarding a disturbance at a residence, with a male breaking windows and involved in a verbal argument with the resident. Officer arrived on scene and located the male suspect. The male suspect was bleeding from a deep laceration to his arm. Officer called for BFD. One officer who knew the suspect attempted to speak with him but the suspect stated to the effect he would kill the officer. The suspect then crossed a courtyard and began to threaten bystanders there stating to the effect that he would kill them. Officers had to physically stand between the suspect and the bystanders. Based on the officer observations of the suspect and the fact he was still bleeding officer told the suspect he was going into handcuffs. One officer took hold of the suspect's right arm and brought him behind his back. A second officer advised stating to the effect for the suspect to get on the ground, and with the first officer's assistance guided the suspect onto the ground. Once on the ground the second officer placed the suspect into handcuffs. BFD began to assess the lacerations.

Arrestees Actions – Compliant

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal direction/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing



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Arrestee – taken into custody, treated at UVMHC ED released, lodged.
Black male Age 44, 5'11", 140 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury from UOF/injured prior to officers UOF
Officers – no injury

12. 24BU008415

4/26/24

Officer initiated

Call type – Arrest on Warrant

Charges – Arrest on Warrant X4

Synopsis

An officer on routine patrol observed a pickup truck in an area known for narcotic sales. The officer observed the vehicle park and a male whom had previous police contact with exited the vehicle. The officer went out with the male in a consensual encounter. The officer stated to the effect to the male that he believed he might have a warrant for his arrest. The male began to move away from the officer and finally took off running from the officer. The officer was able to confirm the male had 4 warrants for his arrest. A perimeter was set up and calls came into dispatch concerning a male running through backyards in the area. The officer who originally went out with the wanted male observed the male run into a parking lot and behind a parked vehicle. The officer drew their firearm and pointed at the male as they emerged from behind the vehicle. The officer stated numerous times to the effect for the male to lay down on the ground. The male finally complied and lay on the ground and was compliantly handcuffed.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/Firearm pointed

Arrestee – taken into custody and lodged on warrants

White Male Age 31, 5'07", 150 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury by UOF/had lacerations on hands and face from fleeing through backyards.
Officer – no injury.



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13. 24BU008423

4/26/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Trespass

Charges – Unlawful Trespass

Synopsis

Library staff called and stated that a male they had trespassed earlier had returned, intoxicated, and was refusing to leave the library property. An officer arrived on scene and observed the male subject on the property laying on the grass. The officer learned that the male had threatened to stab the security guard who had trespassed him earlier. The officer approached the male who was feigning sleep and stated to the effect to wake up. The male did not move. The officer stated to the effect to the male if he need assistance. The male stated to the effect yup but did not move. The officer placed his hand under the males head and the other hand on the male's right arm and attempted to assist him in sitting up. The male became immediately animated flailing his arms. The officer remembering the male's threat to stab the security guard took control of both the male's wrists with his hands. A second officer arrived on scene and the first officer pinned the male's right arm to the ground and gave the other arm to the arriving officer. The officer stated to the effect for the male to bring his arms behind his back and released the males arm. The male relaxed their arm but did not comply with the officer. The office ordered the male to roll over onto his stomach. The male did not comply. The officer attempted to sit the male up and the male used this momentum to continue to roll forward, pulling his hands towards his chest. The first officer was able to take hold of the male's right arm and bring it towards the males back and roll the male onto his stomach. The male tucked their left hand up to their chest and under their body. The second officer had to physically pull out the male's left hand and arm and place it behind his back. The officer was then able to handcuff the male.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Arrestee – taken into custody, released on citation

White male Age 37, 5'07", 175 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury



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14. 24BU008434

4/26/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Welfare Check

Charges – None

Synopsis

Caller stated to the effect that a male was standing in front of a bus pulling their pants down. Officer arrived on scene and observed the suspect, seated on a stoop, was the male from the UOF #13. The officers went out with the male again and called BFD to assess the male. The male stood up and attempted to walk away. An officer stated to the effect he was not free to leave. The male continued to try and walk past the officer. The officer placed his hands out to stop the male from walking forward. The male still continued to leave and the officer took hold of the male's left arm and the second officer took hold of this right arm to which the male began to pull and push his arm to break the officers grip. The male did this several times with the officers re-establishing his grip only to have the male break it. The male then pulled his arm to his chest to prevent the officer from taking hold of it and then trying to walk away. The first officer took hold of the male's right arm and stated to the effect for the male to put his hands behind his back. The male stated to the effect no and drove his shoulder into the officer. The male then grabbed the officer's right arm and pulled it towards his mouth in an attempt to bite it. Fearing they would be bit the officer then brought the male to the ground and told the male to bring his hands behind his back. The male complied and was handcuffed.

Subject Actions – Active Resistance/Assaultive

Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/compliant handcuffing

Officer 2 – Empty hand controls

Subject – taken into protective custody and transported by BFD to UVMCC ED
White male Age 37, 5'07", 175 lbs.

Subject – no injury

Officer – no injury

15. 24BU008437

4/26/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Lewd and Lascivious Conduct



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Charges – Sexual Offense/Interference with Law Enforcement

Synopsis

Caller stated a male pulled his pants down, urinated and then began masturbating. Two officers arrived on scene and based on their investigation had probable cause to arrest the male subject. The first officer was out with the suspect and stated to the effect to them to place their arms behind their back. The suspect then attempted to walk away from the officer. The officer took hold of the arrestee's arms to prevent him from doing so. The arrestee tried to pull their arms to their chest. The officer stated to the effect for the male to stop pulling but the arrestee continued to pull. The officer brought the arrestee to the ground in a controlled manner. The second officer arrived and took hold of the arrestee's right arm and moved it behind the arrestee's back. The first officer was able to bring the arrestee's left arm behind his back and place both hands into handcuffs.

Arrestees 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 conditions by judge
Asian male Age 35, 5'06", 135 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury

16. 24BU008721

4/30/24

Complainant/Officers Dispatched

Call type – Arrest on Warrant

Charges – Arrest on Warrant

Synopsis

Two officers were assisting with a male when dispatch advised the male had an active warrant for their arrest. One officer stated to the effect to the male that they had an arrest warrant. The arrestee attempted to walk away. Both officers took hold of the arrestee's arms to prevent this from happening. Both officer had to use physical force to move the arrestee's arms behind his back. Once the arrestee's arms where there an officer applied handcuffs.

Arrestees Actions – Active Resistance



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Officer Actions

Officer 1 – Empty hand controls

Officer 2 – Verbal commands/empty hand controls/handcuffing

Arrestee – taken into custody on the warrants

White male Age 34, 5'06", 170 lbs.

Arrestee – no injury

Officer – no injury