

# Chandler Police Department – PSS Memo No. 22-013

**Date:** May 3, 2022

**To:** Sean Duggan, Chief of Police

**Thru:** Bryan Cox, Assistant Chief

Robert Dykstra, PSS Lieutenant

Dan Mellentine, PSS Sergeant

**From:** George Arias, PSS Detective

**Subject:** Use of Force Review, 1st Quarter 2022

**Procedure**

* Please sign below acknowledging your review of the report.
* Forward through the chain of command and return to the Professional Standards Section.

**Signature Date**

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Chief of Police

Professional Standards Section shall maintain inspection files and reports.

**Background**

The Chandler Police Department recognizes the current Arizona statutory law dictating that “no unnecessary or unreasonable force shall be used in making an arrest, and the person arrested shall not be subjected to any greater restraint than necessary for his detention.”[[1]](#footnote-1) The Chandler Police Department stipulates that officers must adhere to their training unless the situation justifies a deviation from that training.[[2]](#footnote-2)

The Chandler Police Department began to utilize the Use of Force Review Board in 2008 to ensure the proper documentation of all applications of force, to evaluate those applications for adherence to established policy, and to determine any additional training needs.[[3]](#footnote-3) The board meets monthly to evaluate the prior month’s incidents, and quarterly reviews are prepared to share information and findings with the Citizen Review Panel.

This analysis contains use of force statistics for the first quarter of 2022 to identify prevalent trends or deficiencies per the current CALEA standard.[[4]](#footnote-4)  In addition to an internal comparative analysis, this report will illustrate training issues that have emerged throughout the quarter, as well as the number and general nature of injuries sustained by personnel and suspects.

**2022 First Quarter Review**

The Chandler Police Department logged 1847 arrests during the first quarter of 2022, averaging approximately twenty-one (21) arrests per day. The first quarter of 2022 yielded a total of twenty (20) incidents resulting in a use of force by Chandler Police Officers to effect an arrest or detain a subject under reasonable suspicion or probable cause.

All reportable incidents were reviewed by the Use of Force Review Board. This board meets monthly to determine if the applications of force are justified in accordance with the policies of the Chandler Police Department.

The following tables document the twenty (20) incidents reviewed by the board for the months of January, February, and March of 2022. It includes the types of force used and dispositions. In some incidents there were multiple applications of force used by various officers. For this reason, there were thirty-four (34) distinct applications of force. This report will deliver the summaries of the twenty (20) reviewed incidents.

**Type of Force Used First Quarter 2022**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Force Used** | **Applications** | **Additional Details** |
| Low Level Force | **12** | Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands, etc. |
| Intermediate Force | **22** | K9 Bite, fist strikes, Knee strikes, Kicks, Less lethal, CEW, Impact push, etc. |
| **Total** | **34** |  |

**Total Force Used First Quarter 2022**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Arrests** | **Force Used** | **Percentage** |
| **1847** | **20** | **1.08%** |

**Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Number** | **Race** | **Gender** | **Age Range** | **Average Age** | **%** |
| **3** | **White** | **Male** | **37-48** | **41** | **15%** |
| **2** | **White** | **Female** | **33-41** | **37** | **10%** |
| **3** | **Black** | **Male** | **27-37** | **33** | **15%** |
| **8** | **Hispanic** | **Male** | **22-39** | **27** | **40%** |
| **1** | **Hispanic** | **Female** | **60** | **60** | **5%** |
| **3** | **Native American** | **Male** | **20-24** | **22** | **15%** |

**(20 total subjects in use of force incidents)**

**Policy Violations/Reviews**

In the first quarter of 2022 there were no use of force incidents referred to Internal Affairs.

**Training Issues**

Three training issues were identified by the Use of Force Board. Two training issues involved failing to activate body worn cameras. The third involved proper contact and arrest techniques. The training issues were handled by the individual officer’s chain of command.

**Injuries**

In the first quarter of 2022, four (4) officers were injured during use of force incidents. The injuries sustained by officers were mostly minor in nature, generally consisting of sprains, abrasions, cuts, or bruising. Most of the officers’ injuries appeared to stem from body-to-body contact, takedown techniques, and struggling to handcuff suspects on hard surfaces or from direct assaults on the officers themselves.

Seventeen (17) suspects were injured or complained of injury during the use of force incidents. Most of these injuries were minor in nature, consisting of lacerations, abrasions, contusions, complaints of pain, and CEW puncture wounds.

The officer, the suspect, or both received medical attention in the use of force incidents with injury when requested. Medical treatment was either provided on scene or at a hospital for more extensive care or evaluation.

**Total Injuries When Force Used First Quarter 2022**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Suspects/Detainees** | **Officers** | **Total** |
| 17 | 4 | 21 |

**Emotionally Disturbed/Impaired**

Twelve (12) subjects involved in use of force incidents were found to be emotionally disturbed, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or a combination of impairments.

**Conclusion**

The reported types of use of force incidents during the first quarter of 2022 indicate officers used the appropriate level of force to effect the arrest of suspects. This illustrates that the use of force policy, defensive tactics training, board reviews, and overall departmental philosophy are aligned with established case law, statutory regulations, and the principles of community-oriented policing.

The following pages are the summaries that were presented to the Use of Force Board for the first quarter of 2022.

Incident Review Summaries

Summary 1

**Date of Occurrence:** 01/01/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0320 **Incident Report:** 22-000121 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Destiny Richardson #805

**Force Used:** Takedown

**Subject Actions:** Fled from officers during DUI investigation

**Summary:**

On January 1st, 2022, at 0320 hours, Chandler Police Officers were dispatched to 111 W. Boston Street in Chandler regarding a DUI. According to the caller a male was passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle with its engine on.

Officer Richardson and other officers arrived and located the unconscious male behind the wheel of the running vehicle. Officer Richardson made several attempts to wake the male, later identified as Dameon Teague, by knocking on the window. After Mr. Teague failed to respond, Officer Richardson opened the unlocked driver’s door causing him to wake up. Mr. Teague had a dazed look on his face and was lethargic with a strong smell of alcohol coming from his person. During Officer Richardson’s contact with Mr. Teague, his speech was slurred and incomprehensible. Paramedics were requested and after their arrival began treating him.

As paramedics treated Mr. Teague, he fled on foot. Officers gave chase. Officer Richardson gave him commands to stop running, but he refused. Officer Richardson caught up with him and used her foot to trip Mr. Teague, causing him to fall to the ground. He was then taken into custody.

Mr. Teague sustained a laceration below his left eye. Paramedics transported Mr. Teague to a local hospital where he was admitted for treatment. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

DUI (long form)

Resisting arrest (long form)

**Injuries:**

Mr. Teague sustained a laceration below his left eye.

Summary 2

**Date of Occurrence:** 01/05/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1550 **Incident Report:** 22-001812 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Shane Lumpp #721

**Force Used:** Push

**Subject Actions:** Physically interfered in an arrest, grabbed officer’s outer vest

**Summary:**

On January 5th, 2022, at 1550 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to 555 N. Federal Street #2032 in Chandler regarding a domestic disturbance. The caller stated her 16-year-old daughter was out of control.

Officers were at the location when Officer Lumpp arrived to assist. He observed two officers attempting to take custody of a female juvenile just outside a second-story apartment doorway. Relatives of the juvenile were attempting to pull her back into the apartment. Officer Lumpp approached the doorway to assist in the arrest when a male, later identified as Kobe Claw, exited the apartment to interfere in the arrest. Officer Lumpp ordered him to stay back and go back inside the apartment. Mr. Claw yelled “that’s my sister!” as he attempted to push past Officer Lumpp while grabbing at his radio earpiece and microphone cable. Officer Lumpp pushed him with his right arm, causing Mr. Claw to fall backwards into the apartment. Mr. Claw lost his balance and fell to the floor. It was at that time Officer Lumpp realized Mr. Claw was using a cane to walk and appeared to have a physical disability.

Mr. Claw complained of back pain from the fall and had slight bruising on his back. Paramedics arrived and provided treatment. A body worn camera recorded the use of force. Photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Long form complaint for obstructing a public officer

**Injuries:**

Mr. Claw complained of back pain from the fall and had slight bruising on his back.

Summary 3

**Date of Occurrence:** 01/10/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1221 **Incident Report:** 22-003620 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Kyle Liggitt #735

**Force Used:** Impact push

**Subject Actions:** Attempting to flee on foot from officers

**Summary:**

On January 10th, 2022, at 1221 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to 295 S. Arizona Avenue in Chandler regarding a shoplifting in progress. The caller stated a male and female concealed items while in the store and left without paying. A description of the suspects and a direction of travel was provided.

Officers arrived in the area and located the two suspects walking around Frye Road and Oregon Street. When contacted by police, the female stopped but the male fled. As the male fled on foot, Officer Liggitt gave chase. Officer Liggitt was able to catch up to the male, later identified as Anthony Rojo, as they continued to run. Officer Liggitt impact pushed Mr. Rojo causing him to hit a nearby chain link fence and fall to the ground. Officer Liggitt handcuffed Mr. Rojo and took him into custody.

Mr. Rojo did not have visible injuries or complaint of injury. He was taken to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Obstructing a public officer

Shoplifting

**Injuries:**

Mr. Rojo did not have visible injuries or complaint of injury.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 01/17/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0916 **Incident Report:** 22-006193 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Hunter Davisson #847, Officer Kevin Tomaszewski #761

**Force Used:** Take down, knee strike

**Subject Actions:** Attempting to flee on foot from officers

**Summary:**

On January 17th, 2022, at 0916 hours, Chandler Police Officers Davisson and Tomaszewski were on patrol around Detroit Street and Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. While on patrol the officers observed what they believed to be a drug transaction in an alley. The officers contacted the male, later identified as Jayden Winfrey. During a records check Mr. Winfrey was found to have warrants for his arrest.

As the officers advised Mr. Winfrey he was under arrest for the warrants, they asked him if he had any weapons or drugs in his possession. Mr. Winfrey acknowledged that he had drugs in his possession. When the officers attempted to place handcuffs on him, Mr. Winfrey fled on foot. The officers caught up with him and took Mr. Winfrey to the ground. Once on the ground, Mr. Winfrey resisted arrest by placing his arms under his body. Officer Tomaszewski delivered one knee strike to his torso, causing Mr. Winfrey to comply, and he was taken into custody.

Mr. Winfrey did not have visible injuries or complaint of injury. He was taken to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Warrants

Possession of dangerous drugs

Possession of drug paraphernalia

**Injuries:**

Mr. Winfrey did not have visible injuries or complaint of injury.

Summary 5

**Date of Occurrence:** 01/19/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2153 **Incident Report:** 22-007128 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Hocking #733, Officer Odom #723

**Force Used:** 40 MM Sage Gun, impact push with shield

**Subject Actions:** Suicidal suspect with a knife

**Summary:**

On January 19th, 2022, at 2153 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a suicidal suspect with a knife at 120 N. Hamilton Street #30 in Chandler. The caller stated his brother, Rodney Martinez, was breaking items throughout the house and hurting himself with a knife. A description and direction of travel for Rodney was provided.

Prior to police arrival, Mr. Martinez went to apartment #25 and broke their window. He then returned to his apartment. As the officers arrived, they located Mr. Martinez inside the apartment. He ignored commands from officers and appeared to be bleeding from his hands. Mr. Martinez then exited the apartment and started to run through the parking lot. A perimeter was set by officers as they tried to surround him. As Mr. Martinez was walking away and refusing commands, Officer Odom deployed a single round from his 40 MM Sage Gun but missed. Officer Hocking approached Mr. Martinez and, using a ballistic shield, conducted an impact push causing Mr. Martinez to fall to the ground. He yelled “shoot me” and “die” as his tried to eat leaves that were on the ground and bang his head on the pavement. He was eventually handcuffed and held until paramedics arrived and sedated him.

Mr. Martinez sustained lacerations to his hands from possible self-injury with a knife as well as breaking the window of apartment #25. He was taken to a local hospital where he was admitted for treatment and mental health evaluation. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Assault DV

Criminal damage DV

**Injuries:**

Mr. Martinez sustained lacerations to his hands.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 01/24/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0107 **Incident Report:** 22-008757 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Hocking #733, Sergeant Jason Alnas #S139,

Lieutenant Shawn Hancock #L35

**Force Used:** 40 MM Sage Gun, OC spray X2

**Subject Actions:** Suicidal and intoxicated suspect

**Summary:**

On January 24th, 2022, at 0107 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a suicidal and possible DUI suspect at 7445 W. Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. The caller stated her son, Daniel Gonzalez, was making suicidal threats to kill himself by crashing his truck and had been drinking. He was also believed to be in possession of a firearm. A description of Daniel and the vehicle he was in was provided.

Officers contacted Mr. Gonzalez while he was in his running vehicle. Officer on scene determined he was likely a threat to others if he were to leave. Additional patrol officers arrived and positioned vehicles against Mr. Gonzalez’s truck to prevent him from leaving. As officers attempted to speak with him and de-escalate the situation, Mr. Gonzalez appeared agitated. He refused to come out of the truck, was seen consuming alcohol from a bottle, and intentionally rammed several of the patrol cars that had his truck pinned. Mr. Gonzalez also made threats to come out shooting. After an hour and a half of attempted negotiations, a decision was made to remove Mr. Gonzalez from the vehicle. Lieutenant Hancock placed an OC spray device into the partially open window of the passenger door. The OC deployment had limited effect. Sergeant Alnas then deployed his OC spray canister into the cab of the truck. This eventually caused Mr. Gonzalez to exit the truck. Officer Hocking, armed with his 40 MM Sage Gun, began giving orders for him to raise his hands. Mr. Gonzalez refused the commands and made a motion towards another officer. Officer Hocking, believing he was going to assault the nearby officer, deployed a single 40 MM Sage Gun round striking Mr. Gonzalez in the leg. Several officers moved in and took him into custody. A firearm was located inside the vehicle.

Mr. Gonzalez sustained the exposure to OC, as well as the impact to his leg from the 40 MM Sage Gun deployment. He was taken to a local hospital where he was treated and released. He was then transported to the Maricopa County 4th Avenue Jail and booked. Some body worn cameras from officers on scene recorded the use of force. Sergeant Alnas’ body worn camera had a dead battery and was not active. Lieutenant Hancock had turned his body worn camera off during the initial tactical planning stages and failed to turn his camera back on. Photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer, 3 counts (vehicle ramming)

Criminal damage, 2 counts

Unlawful possession of a firearm

**Injuries:**

Mr. Gonzalez sustained the effect of the exposure to OC, as well as the impact to his leg from the 40 MM Sage Gun deployment.

Summary 7

**Date of Occurrence:** 01/26/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0946 **Incident Report:** 22-009576 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Joshua Riley #725

**Force Used:** CEW

**Subject Actions:** Fled from officers

**Summary:**

On January 26th, 2022, at 0946 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a shoplift at 2750 E. Germann Road in Chandler. The caller stated a male, who had shoplifted 20 minutes prior, had returned to the store. Officers arrived and Officer Norte followed the male from inside the store as Officer Riley was outside the entrance waiting for the suspect.

Once outside the store both officers attempted to contact the male, later identified as Donald Luster. Once Mr. Luster saw both officers, he abandoned the shopping cart with newly shoplifted items and fled on foot. Officer Riley got in his patrol car and located Mr. Luster near Germann Road and Stearman Road as he ran across traffic. Officer Riley got out of his vehicle and gave chase on foot. He told Mr. Luster he was under arrest, for which he responded to by yelling “leave me alone!” Mr. Luster stopped running, balled his fists, then continued to run. Officer Riley fired two probes from his CEW at Mr. Luster, striking him in the upper back and buttocks. He immediately fell to the ground, allowing Officer Riley to take him into custody.

Mr. Luster sustained a single CEW puncture wound to his back. Officer Riley removed the probe but had paramedics respond. Once cleared by paramedics, Mr. Luster was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force, and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Shoplifting

Resisting arrest

False information to police

Obstructing a public official

Obstruction of a public thoroughfare

Warrants

**Injuries:**

Mr. Luster sustained a CEW puncture wound to his back.

Summary 8

**Date of Occurrence:** 01/27/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2000 **Incident Report:** 22-010157 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Richard Rimbach #711, Officer Nicholas Buenrostro #794

**Force Used:** Take down

**Subject Actions:** Attempted to break free from officers during arrest

**Summary:**

On January 27th, 2022, at 2000 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a fight at 1320 N. McQueen Road in Chandler. The caller said two males were fighting, with one of the males being Antoine Bryant. The caller advised Mr. Bryant had a felony warrant for his arrest. Officer Buenrostro had previously responded to this address for Mr. Bryant, who was acting disorderly but was not located. A photo of Mr. Bryant was provided during the previous call.

Officers Buenrostro and Rimbach arrived and contacted Mr. Bryant, who was standing by a vehicle. Mr. Bryant refused to identify himself, stating he was not Antoine Bryant. Having seen his photo, Officer Buenrostro and Rimbach told him he was being detained. When both officers grabbed Mr. Bryant’s arms, he attempted to break away. Both officers took Mr. Bryant to the ground and took him into custody.

Mr. Bryant sustained a bloody lip from being taken to the ground. Paramedics responded and transported him to a local hospital where he was treated and released. Mr. Bryant was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Disorderly conduct DV

Assault DV

Felony warrant

**Injuries:**

Mr. Bryant sustained a bloody lip from being taken to the ground.

Summary 9

**Date of Occurrence:** 02/22/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2130 **Incident Report:** 22-019915 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Shane Walters #767, Officer Mariah Huenneke #786

**Force Used:** Take down

**Subject Actions:** Attempted to break free from officers during arrest

**Summary:**

On February 22nd, 2022, at 2130 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a domestic disturbance at 660 N. Desert Breeze Boulevard in Chandler. The caller said a man and woman were arguing near the restrooms at the park, with the woman having locked herself in the bathroom. The caller provided a description of the two people arguing.

Officers Walters and Huenneke arrived and heard the couple yelling at each other. Upon contact the male, later identified as Philip Porter, stated he had a right to argue and refused to speak with the officers as he walked away. Officer Huenneke tried to explain they were there to investigate the disorder, but Mr. Porter refused to listen and continued to walk away. Both officers explained to Mr. Porter that he was not free to leave and was being detained. When Mr. Porter refused, both officers grabbed him by the arms. Mr. Porter tensed his arms and attempted to break free from their grip. Both officers took Mr. Porter to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Porter continued to resist by tensing his arms to prevent the officers from handcuffing him. They were eventually able to take Mr. Porter into custody.

Mr. Porter sustained a contusion to his forehead and abrasions to his knuckles. He was transported to the police station where paramedics checked Mr. Porter’s injuries. Once cleared, Mr. Porter was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. Officer Walters sustained an abrasion to his finger. Officer Huenneke sustained abrasions to her knee. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Interfering with the duties of a public official.

**Injuries:**

Mr. Porter sustained a contusion to his forehead and abrasions to his knuckles.

Summary 10

**Date of Occurrence:** 02/25/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1226 **Incident Report:** 22-021624 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Jatena Lindsey #781, Officer David Quezada #790

**Force Used:** Take down

**Subject Actions:** Assaulted officer, attempted to break free from officers during arrest

**Summary:**

On February 25th, 2022, at 1226 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a trespass at 7171 W. Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. The caller said a man was refusing to leave his hotel room after checkout time. The caller requested that the male be trespassed.

Officers Lindsey and Quezada arrived and were escorted by the manager to the hotel room the male was refusing to leave. They located the male, identified as Luther Parker, outside the room. Mr. Parker appeared extremely intoxicated and had slurred speech as Officer Quezada told him he was being trespassed and needed to gather his belongings and leave. Appearing confused and disoriented, the male went inside his hotel room. As Officer Quezada again told him he needed to get his belongings and leave, Mr. Porter began to yell and stated, “this is going to go south.” He then approached Officer Quezada and slapped his hand. Both officers grabbed Mr. Porter by his arms to effect an arrest. Mr. Porter tensed his arms and refused to place his hands behind his back. The officers took Mr. Porter to the ground and arrested him.

Mr. Porter sustained a laceration to his right eyebrow. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment prior to being transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer

Trespassing

Disorderly conduct

**Injuries:**

Mr. Porter sustained a laceration to his right eyebrow.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/03/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0619 **Incident Report:** 22-023980 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Marcelo Camacho #749, Officer Jose Angulo #688

Officer Brad Hocking #733

**Force Used:** Pepper spray, CEW X2, fist strikes

**Subject Actions:** Attempted to flee from officers upon contact

**Summary:**

On March 3rd, 2022, at 0619 hours, Chandler Police Officer Angulo was on duty and in uniform in a marked patrol car around Hamilton Street and Frye Road in Chandler. He spotted Edgar Macias working on a vehicle. Officer Angulo is familiar with Mr. Macias due to prior contacts and was aware he had a felony warrant for his arrest.

Officer Angulo requested additional officers to assist in the arrest of Mr. Macias. Once Officers Camacho and Hocking arrived, Officer Angulo contacted Mr. Macias and gave orders to come out of the car with his hands up. Mr. Macias refused the commands and fled on foot. Officer Camacho deployed a single burst of his pepper spray as Mr. Macias ran past his direction but missed. As the officers pursued Mr. Macias on foot, Officer Hocking observed him reach for his waistband. Fearing Mr. Macias was reaching for a weapon, Officer Hocking deployed his CEW. Two probes struck Mr. Macias in the leg and lower back, causing immediate incapacitation as he fell to the ground. Once the first CEW cycle concluded, Mr. Macias attempted to get up and reach towards his waistband again. Officer Angulo attempted to pin him to the ground as Mr. Macias raised his hands towards him. Officer Hocking delivered a second 3-4 second cycle from his CEW as Officer Angulo delivered two fist strikes at Mr. Macias’ shoulder area and face. Mr. Macias was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Mr. Macias sustained puncture wounds from the CEW and abrasions to his face. Paramedics treated him prior to being transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Resisting arrest

Possession of narcotics

Possession of dangerous drugs

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Felony warrant

**Injuries:**

Mr. Macias sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployment and abrasions to his face.

Summary 12

**Date of Occurrence:** 03/03/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2324 **Incident Report:** 22-024371 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Tyler Mohney #841, Officer Chase Bebak-Miller #731

**Force Used:** Takedown, Fist strikes X4, Slap to face

**Subject Actions:** Suspect got into a fighting stance, second suspect assaulted officer

**Summary:**

On March 3rd, 2022, at 2324 hours, Chandler Police Officer Mohney was on duty and in uniform in a marked patrol car around Iowa Street and Ray Road in Chandler. He spotted a vehicle driving on the sidewalk and then drive into an alley. Officer Mohney followed the vehicle and observed the vehicle reverse and strike a parking structure post at 1015 N. Iowa Street. As the officer turned on his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop to conduct a possible DUI investigation, the driver of the vehicle fled and went into a nearby apartment.

Officer Mohney did not pursue the driver but stood by the exterior of the apartment as he requested for a second officer to respond. The suspect, later identified as Rocky Hernandez, came out of the apartment. Unsure if Mr. Hernandez had retrieved a weapon from the apartment Officer Mohney grabbed the suspect to detain him. Mr. Hernandez broke free from the officer’s hold and walked towards the parking lot. As the officer ordered him to stop, Mr. Hernandez got into a fighting stance. Officer Mohney struck Mr. Hernandez in the face with a fist strike, followed by 4-5 fist strikes to his torso as Mr. Hernandez swung his fists back at the officer. Officer Bebak-Miller arrived and both officers took Mr. Hernandez to the ground. Once on the ground he continued to resist by tensing his arms and reaching for his waistband. As the officers struggled to arrest Mr. Hernandez, a female came out of the apartment and confronted the officers, yelling at them to let Mr. Hernandez go. Officer Bebak-Miller got off the ground and placed himself between the female and Officer Mohney who was still struggling with Mr. Hernandez. As Officer Bebak-Miller ordered the female to go back into the apartment, the female hit his arm and began to violently swing her arms at the officer striking him in the face several times. Officer Bebak-Miller slapped the female on her head, causing her to start falling to the ground. Officer Bebak-Miller was able to catch the female as she was falling and helped her to the ground. As the female, later identified as Margaret Hernandez (Mr. Hernandez’s mother) was on the ground she appeared to be unconscious. The officer then went back to assist Officer Mohney who was still struggling with Mr. Hernandez. During the struggle Mr. Hernandez bit Officer Bebak-Miller’s finger. Officer Bebak-Miller struck him with a fist strike to Mr. Hernandez’s face. More officers arrived and Mr. Hernandez was eventually taken into custody.

Mr. Hernandez did not have any visible injuries. He was transported to the Maricopa County Jail where an intake nurse evaluated him prior to booking. Margaret Hernandez was rendered unconscious from the slap to the head. She refused medical treatment by paramedics who were on scene. Officer Mohney sustained injuries to his ankle and wrist. Officer Bebak-Miller sustained injuries to his finger. Both officers were treated at a local hospital for their injuries. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Mr. Rocky Hernandez was charged with aggravated assault on an officer

Mrs. Margaret Hernandez was charged with aggravated assault on an officer (long form charges)

**Injuries:**

Mr. did not have any visible injuries.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/05/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1618 **Incident Report:** 22-025069 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Brandon Salewski #838

**Force Used:** Open hands

**Subject Actions:** Suspect refused officer’s commands and resisted arrest

**Summary:**

On March 5th, 2022, at 1618 hours, Chandler Police responded to a shoplift at 155 W. Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. According to the caller, a male had attempted to shoplift items placed in a paint bucket. A description of the suspect and a direction of travel was provided.

Officer Salewski responded and located the suspect around Apache Drive and Boston Court. He turned on his patrol car emergency lights, got out of the vehicle, and made contact. Officer Salewski ordered the suspect, later identified as Whilbert Orduna, to stop and sit on the curb. Mr. Orduna ignored the officer and continued to walk away. Officer Salewski again ordered him to stop and sit on the curb. Mr. Orduna continued to walk, asking the officer why. Officer Salewski caught up with Mr. Orduna and grabbed his arms to detain him. He broke free and continued to walk away. Officer Salewski then grabbed him by the back of his jacket. Mr. Orduna began to twist and turn to break free, and a pulling and pushing struggle ensued. At one-point during the struggle Mr. Orduna’s head impacted the front of the officer’s outer vest carrier containing several pieces of equipment such as his radio, metal badge, CEW, etc. A second officer arrived, and Mr. Orduna was taken into custody.

Mr. Orduna sustained abrasions to his face and neck. He refused medical treatment and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Organized retail theft

Resisting arrest

**Injuries:**

Mr. Orduna sustained abrasions to his face and neck.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/07/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1619 **Incident Report:** 22-025886 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Kevin Borowski #848, Jacob Owings #807

**Force Used:** Open hands, pressure points

**Subject Actions:** Suspect refused officer’s commands, fled on foot, resisted arrest

**Summary:**

On March 7th, 2022, at 1619 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 3010 S. Gilbert Road in Chandler. According to the caller, a male and female were arguing and physically fighting. The caller added the male had jumped on top of the car as the female was trying to drive away.

Officers Borowski, Fritz, and Owings arrived and located the couple. Officer Owings contacted the female as Officers Borowski and Fritz contacted the male, identified as Joshua Quarnstrom. During the contact Mr. Quarnstrom was argumentative, frustrated, and would not answer specific questions. Officer Borowski observed dilated pupils, indicating he was possibly under the influence of drugs. During the interview Mr. Quarnstrom walked away. He was ordered to stop but refused. Officer Fritz told him he was being detained and grabbed him by the arm. Mr. Quarnstrom broke free and fled on foot. Mr. Quarnstrom fell into a shrub headfirst as Officer Borowski tried to grab him. While in the shrub, Officers Borowski and Owings attempted to handcuff him. Mr. Quarnstrom resisted being handcuffed by pinning his hands against his chest. Mr. Quarnstrom was eventually handcuffed and arrested.

Mr. Quarnstrom sustained abrasions to his face. He was transported to a local hospital for treatment then transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Officer Owings sustained abrasions to his hands. A body worn camera recorded the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

**Charges on suspect:**

Criminal Damage DV

Disorderly conduct DV

Interfering with duties of a public official

**Injuries:**

Mr. Quarnstrom sustained abrasions to his face and neck.

Officer Owings sustained abrasions to his hands.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/12/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2224 **Incident Report:** 22-027901 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Brittany Atterbury #780, Officer James Barker #699 **Force Used:** Take down

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, attempted to bite officer

**Summary:**

On March 12th, 2022, at 2224 hours, Officer Atterbury was on duty in a marked patrol car and in uniform around Frye Road and Arizona Avenue in Chandler. She conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding, with the vehicle pulling into 295 S. Arizona Avenue. During her contact with the driver she noticed he had slurred speech and suspected the driver, Jeremy Fisher, was possibly DUI. She requested a DUI officer respond. Officer Barker arrived and after a DUI investigation he had probable cause to arrest Mr. Fisher for DUI.

After Mr. Fisher was advised he was under arrest, the officers each grabbed an arm and attempted to place handcuffs on Mr. Fisher. He tensed up and attempted to break free from their hold. Mr. Fisher was taken to the ground by both officers as he continued to resist by attempting to break free and at several points attempted to bite Officer Barker. He was restrained on the ground until several additional officers arrived and was taken into custody.

Mr. Fisher sustained abrasions to his arm. No medical aid was provided. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Officer Barker sustained abrasions to his left arm. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

DUI

DUI extreme

Resisting arrest

**Injuries:**

Mr. Fisher sustained abrasions to his arm.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/19/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0238 **Incident Report:** 22-030346 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Bradley Kopp #718 **Force Used:** CEW

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, resisting arrest

**Summary:**

On March 19th, 2022, at 0238 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 875 W. Pecos Road #1063 in Chandler. The caller said she was in a verbal argument with her boyfriend, Albert Gonzalez, who was in her apartment. The caller had a valid order of protection against Mr. Gonzalez.

Officers arrived and after speaking with the caller outside of the apartment, they established probable cause to arrest Mr. Gonzalez. They went to the apartment and knocked on the door. Mr. Gonzalez answered the door, then began to walk backwards into a bedroom. As the officers followed him into the bedroom, they grabbed him by the arms and instructed him to put his hands behind his back. Mr. Gonzalez tensed his arms and pulled them against his chest, preventing the officers from handcuffing and arresting him. The officers tried to take him to the ground, but Mr. Gonzalez lowered his center of gravity by spreading his feet and bending over from the waist. Officer Kopp drew his CEW from his holster and warned Mr. Gonzalez if he did not comply, he would use his CEW. As he continued to resist, Officer Kopp deployed his CEW, striking Mr. Gonzalez in the back with two probes. He was taken to the ground and subsequently arrested.

Mr. Gonzalez sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployment. Paramedics provided medical aid and he was transported into the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Resisting arrest

Violating a court order

Disorderly conduct DV

**Injuries:**

Mr. Gonzalez sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployment.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/23/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1312 **Incident Report:** 22-031906 **Personnel Involved:**  Police Aide George Tole, Sergeant Mike Mills #S103 **Force Used:** Impact push X2

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, assaulted officer

**Summary:**

On March 23rd, 2022, at 1312 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a single car accident involving a naked driver at 2589 E. Hawken Way in Chandler. Sergeant Mills arrived and found a damaged vehicle on the front lawn of the address. He also located a partially dressed woman sitting near the front door of the residence.

As Officer Mills spoke to the woman, later identified as Rhonda Nickle, she spoke incoherently and removed her bra exposing her breasts. As Sergeant Mills requested paramedics to respond, a second officer arrived as did Police Aide Tole. As Sergeant Mills attempted to contact someone in the home, Ms. Nickle approached Police Aide Tole and asked for a cigarette. When Police Aide Toles said he did not have one, she walked towards him yelling, causing Police Aide Tole to believe she was going to “headbutt” him. Police Aide Tole impact pushed Ms. Nickle, causing her to fall backwards to the ground. As she remained on the ground, paramedics arrived. As a gurney was being placed on the driveway to transport Ms. Nickle, she approached Sergeant Mills and struck him in the chest and face. Sergeant Mills impact pushed her in the chest, causing her to fall backwards into the gurney and onto the ground. Ms. Nickle was subsequently taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for medical and mental health evaluations.

Ms. Nickle sustained abrasions to her arms. Paramedics provided medical aid and she was transported to a local hospital for evaluation. Sergeant Mills sustained a scratch to his face. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer

**Injuries:**

Ms. Nickle sustained abrasions to her arms.

Sergeant Mills sustained a scratch to his face.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/23/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2208 **Incident Report:** 22-032091 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Jon Castlegrante #768 **Force Used:** Impact push

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, fled from police

**Summary:**

On March 23rd, 2022, at 2208 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a criminal damage at 235 E. Ray Road #2079 in Chandler. According to the caller, an intoxicated male had just punched and broken an apartment window. The caller provided a description of the suspect and his location in the apartment complex.

Officer Castlegrante arrived and located the suspect, later identified as Khoby Growler, as he stood with his mother. As the officer attempted to contact him, Mr. Growler fled on foot. Officer Castlegrante ordered him to stop as he gave chase. Officer Castlegrante was able to catch up to Mr. Growler and conducted an impact push, causing him to fall into a parked car and onto the ground. He was subsequently taken into custody. While being placed in the back seat of a patrol car Mr. Growler spat in another officer’s face.

Ms. Growler sustained an abrasion to his arm and complained of pain to his wrist. Paramedics provided medical aid and he was subsequently transported Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer

Criminal damage

**Injuries:**

Ms. Growler sustained an abrasion to his arm and complained of pain to his wrist.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 03/25/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1332 **Incident Report:** 22-032686 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Billie Eltringham #795, Officer James Nixon #819 **Force Used:** Takedown

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, fled from police

**Summary:**

On March 25th, 2022, at 1332 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a trespass at 1600 N. Delaware Road in Chandler. According to the caller, a woman who had been previously trespassed by Chandler Police earlier in the day had returned.

Officer Eltringham arrived and contacted the woman in the lobby of the business, identified as Dominique Goodman. Ms. Goodman had her 4-year-old son with her. Officer Eltringham told Ms. Goodman she had been trespassed earlier and could not be there. Officer Eltringham then escorted Ms. Goodman and her son off the property. Ms. Goodman walked across the street with her son. Officer Eltringham observed Ms. Goodman walk back across the street towards the business. Officer Eltringham called for another officer to respond and re-contacted Ms. Goodman. Officer Eltringham grabbed Ms. Goodman by the arm and told her she was under arrest. Ms. Goodman picked up her son and held him to her chest, refusing to put him down. Officer Nixon arrived and both officers tried to remove the child from Ms. Goodman’s arms to effect an arrest, but she held onto her son tightly and refused to let go. As the officers struggled with Ms. Goodman she bent forward, causing them all to fall to the ground. Once on ground Officer Nixon removed the child from her arms and Ms. Goodman was handcuffed and arrested.

Ms. Goodman complained of not being able to breathe. Paramedics provided medical aid and she was subsequently transported the Maricopa County 4th Avenue Jail. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Child endangerment

Resisting arrest

Disorderly conduct

Trespassing

**Injuries:**

Ms. Goodman complained of not being able to breathe.

1. ARS § 13-3881.B [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. CPD G.O. E-01.200.B.3 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. CPD G.O. E-01.400.E.1 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. CALEA 1.3.13 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)