

# Chandler Police Department – PSS Memo No. 22-016

**Date:** August 24, 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, 2nd Quarter Use of Force 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 second 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 Second Quarter Review**

The Chandler Police Department logged 2118 arrests during the second quarter of 2022, averaging approximately twenty-three (23) arrests per day. The second quarter of 2022 yielded a total of twenty-four (24) 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-four (24) incidents reviewed by the board for the months of April, May, and June 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 eighty-nine (89) distinct applications of force. This report will deliver the summaries of the twenty-four (24) reviewed incidents.

**Type of Force Used Second Quarter 2022**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Force Used** | **Applications** | **Additional Details** |
| Low Level Force | **14** | Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands, etc. |
| Intermediate Force | **75** | K9 Bite, fist strikes, Knee strikes, Kicks, Less lethal, CEW, Impact push, etc. |
| **Total** | **89** |  |

**Total Force Used Second Quarter 2022**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Total Arrests** | **Force Used** | **Percentage** |
| **2118** | **24** | **1.1%** |

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

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Number** | **Race** | **Gender** | **Age Range** | **Average Age** | **%** |
| **11** | **White** | **Male** | **19-52** | **38** | **44%** |
| **3** | **White** | **Female** | **24-39** | **29** | **12%** |
| **3** | **Black** | **Male** | **26-48** | **34** | **12%** |
| **6** | **Hispanic** | **Male** | **22-46** | **30** | **24%** |
| **1** | **Native American** | **Male** | **28** | **28** | **4%** |
| **1** | **Asian** | **Male** | **46** | **46** | **4%** |

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

**Policy Violations/Reviews**

In the second quarter of 2022 there was one use of force incident referred to Internal Affairs. This incident is still pending investigation.

**Training Issues**

Four training issues were identified by the Use of Force Board. The first training issue involved verbal de-escalation techniques. The second and third training issues involved proper firearms display and less lethal retention. The fourth training issue involved proper suspect search techniques and awareness. The training issues were handled by the individual officer’s chain of command.

**Injuries**

In the second quarter of 2022, five (5) 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.

Twenty-three (23) 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 Second Quarter 2022**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Suspects/Detainees** | **Officers** | **Total** |
| 23 | 5 | 28 |

**Emotionally Disturbed/Impaired**

Eighteen (18) 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 second 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 second quarter of 2022.

Incident Review Summaries

Summary 1

**Date of Occurrence:** 04/11/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1616 **Incident Report:** 22-039592 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Shaquille Johnson #771, Officer Zachary Rojas Villarreal #845 **Force Used:** Takedown

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

**Summary:**

On April 11th, 2022, at 1616 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a trespass at 4050 S. Thistle Drive in Chandler. According to the caller, an unknown man with a dog was in a red vehicle on her residential driveway. The man appeared to be under the influence. The caller told the male to leave, which he did. The male then returned shortly afterwards.

Officer Johnson arrived and contacted the man in the car, later identified as Jeremiah Sykes. Mr. Sykes appeared to be under the influence and/or having mental health issues and was acting erratic. He also had an aggressive dog in the vehicle with him. Mr. Sykes was crying and very emotional as Officer Johnson attempted to speak with him. He asked Mr. Sykes several times to lower the window so that he could speak with him. Mr. Sykes refused. Officer Johnson then ordered him to exit the vehicle, for which he also refused. Eventually Officer Johnson opened the car door and ordered him to come out. When Mr. Sykes came out of the car, Officer Johnson attempted to grab him to detain him. Mr. Sykes broke free and ran around the car preventing the officer from detaining him. Officer Johnson eventually convinced Mr. Sykes to sit on the curb and tell him what was going on. Mr. Sykes made incoherent statements about his dead girlfriend coming back to life and having his baby. He said his dead girlfriend was inside the caller’s home. As Officer Rojas-Villarreal arrived, Mr. Sykes got upset, stood up, put his hands in his pockets and attempted to walk away. As both officers grabbed him, Mr. Sykes tensed up and refused to put his hands behind his back to be handcuffed. Both officers took him to the ground and took him into custody.

Mr. Sykes sustained abrasions to his knees. Paramedics provided medical aid and he was subsequently transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Interfering with the duties of a public official.

**Injuries:**

Mr. Sykes sustained abrasions to his knees.

Summary 2

**Date of Occurrence:** 04/12/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1238 **Incident Report:** 22-039869 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Shane Lumpp #721, Officer James O’Neil #586 **Force Used:** Takedown, Knee strikes X3, Elbow strikes X3, Fist strikes X4

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, passive and active resistance

**Summary:**

On April 12th, 2022, at 1238 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to an indecent exposure at 1413 E. Waterview Place in Chandler. Several callers reported an unknown man was naked in a common area of the community. Several calls for service regarding the same behavior had been previously reported.

Officer Lumpp arrived and contacted witnesses who provided statements and their willingness to be victims. Officer Lumpp then observed the male, later identified as Bao Nguyen, nude and in public view to the rear of his address. As Officer Lumpp approached, Mr. Nguyen went into the screened-in patio area of his home. Officer O’Neil arrived and observed Mr. Nguyen speaking to himself. Officer O’Neil ordered him to sit down but Mr. Nguyen refused. Officer O’Neil grabbed his arm and attempted to take him into custody, but Mr. Nguyen tensed his arm, and tried to pull away. Officer Lumpp arrived and both officers took Mr. Nguyen to the ground. While on the ground Mr. Nguyen attempted to kick the officers as he tucked his arms under his body to prevent from being handcuffed. Officer O’Neil delivered 4 fist strikes to his thighs to gain compliance from Mr. Nguyen. Officer Lumpp delivered 3 knee strikes to his arm and torso to gain compliance from Mr. Nguyen and have him release his arm from under his body. With no compliance, Officer Lumpp transitioned to 3 elbow strikes to the same area of the body. The officers were eventually able to remove his arms from under his body and take him into custody.

Mr. Nguyen sustained abrasions to his elbows and knees. Paramedics provided medical aid and he was subsequently transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Indecent exposure.

**Injuries:**

Mr. Nguyen sustained abrasions to his elbows and knees.

Summary 3

**Date of Occurrence:** 04/15/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1441 **Incident Report:** 22-041146 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Matt Figley #498 **Force Used:** Closed fist strike (hammer) X3, pressure point

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, active resistance

**Summary:**

On April 15th, 2022, at 1441 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a criminal damage at 200 S. Arizona Avenue in Chandler. According to the caller, a man damaged a window at the location by punching it.

Officers arrived and took the suspect, identified as Douglas Reum, into custody. As the officers escorted him to a patrol car, Mr. Reum was attempting to break free and using racial slurs towards the officers. Mr. Reum was placed in the back seat of the patrol car. Once in the back seat, Mr. Reum got out of the patrol car prior to the door being closed. Officer Rimbach pushed Mr. Reum into the back seat but he was able to get out a second time. Officer Figley went around to the other side of the patrol car as Officer Rimbach attempted to push Mr. Reum into the back seat. Officer Figley reached in and grabbed Mr. Reum’s arm and pulled. As he was being put in the back seat, Mr. Reum delivered several kicks, striking Officer Rimbach in the face with the heel of his foot. Officer Figley delivered 3 “hammer” fist strikes to Mr. Reum’s face as he ordered him to stop. Officer Figley then reached in and applied pressure to Mr. Reum’s jawline as Mr. Reum continued to kick his feet and strike Officer Rimbach. After the pressure was applied, Mr. Reum stopped kicking and was secured in the back seat of the patrol car.

Mr. Reum sustained abrasions to his legs and toes. He refused medical treatment and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. Officer Rimbach sustained abrasions 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.

Criminal damage.

**Injuries:**

Mr. Reum sustained abrasions to his legs and toes.

Officer Rimbach sustained abrasions to his face.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 04/20/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1444 **Incident Report:** 22-043186 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Kyle Liggitt #735 **Force Used:** Sage Gun X2

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, passive resistance

**Summary:**

On April 20th, 2022, at 1444 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to assist the Gilbert Police Department with a failure to yield and possible DUI vehicle which had originated in Gilbert. The vehicle was headed towards Gilbert Road and Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. Chandler Officers arrived in the area and after a traffic stop was initiated, the vehicle stopped around Sunland Drive and Galveston Street. A high-risk stop was initiated with both agencies involved.

During the high risk stop the driver, later identified as Luke Davis, exited his vehicle. He was given orders by Gilbert Officers as he stood in the middle of the road, but either refused to abide by the commands or would give partial compliance. At one point Mr. Davis became argumentative with an officer, clenched his fists, and appeared to be preparing to fight. He started to walk towards the officer he was yelling at when Officer Liggitt deployed his 40 MM Sage Gun, firing a single round at Mr. Davis striking him in the right leg. As Mr. Davis reacted to the impact to his leg, a Gilbert Officer deployed his CEW with little effect. As Mr. Davis continued to be non-complaint, Officer Liggitt fired a second Sage round striking Mr. Davis in the right leg. The second strike stunned Mr. Davis to the point where officers on scene were able to take him to the ground and arrest him.

Mr. Davis sustained contusions to his right leg due to the 40 MM Sage rounds. Paramedics arrived and treated him prior to being transported to 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:**

Gilbert Police charges of DUI

**Injuries:**

Mr. Davis sustained contusions to his right leg due to the 40 MM Sage deployment.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 04/20/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2344 **Incident Report:** 22-043334 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Chase Bebak-Miller #731 **Force Used:** Takedown

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, attempted to flee on a bicycle

**Summary:**

On April 20th, 2022, at 2344 hours, Chandler Police Officer Bebak-Miller was on patrol around 150 E. Elgin Street in Chandler. While on patrol he observed two males in the park near an electrical power box. Due to the park being closed after 2230 hours, the two males were trespassing.

As Officer Bebak-Miller contacted the two males, one of them gathered his belongings and started to walk away while pushing his bicycle. The officer ordered him to stop but the male, later identified as Tarikziad Essawti, said “no”. He then got on his bicycle and attempted to flee. Officer Bebak-Miller gave chase and was able to grab Mr. Essawti’s backpack that was on his back. The officer pulled on the backpack, causing Mr. Essawti to fall off the bicycle and onto the ground. He tried to get off the ground and flee but Officer Bebak-Miller was able to put his body weight on top of him and prevent Mr. Essawti from fleeing. The Officer Bebak-Miller called for additional officers as he struggled to handcuff Mr. Essawti who was resisting by refusing to put his hands behind his back. A second officer arrived, and Mr. Essawti was taken into custody.

Mr. Essawti did not have visible injuries but claimed pain to his groin and shoulder. Paramedics arrived but he refused treatment. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were not taken of the incident. A body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Possession of prescription drugs

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Interfering with the duties of a public official

**Injuries:**

Mr. Essawti did not have visible injuries but claimed pain to his groin and shoulder.

Summary 6

**Date of Occurrence:** 04/23/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2147 **Incident Report:** 22-044540 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Wardell Newell #820, Officer Jay Clark #852,

Zachary Hardman #812 **Force Used:** Takedown

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

**Summary:**

On April 23rd, 2022, at 2147 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to an unknown problem at 100 W. Gary Drive #D in Chandler. The caller advised he was speaking to a coworker on the phone when he heard a commotion in the background. His coworker urgently asked him to call the police and disconnected.

Officers arrived and contacted the caller’s coworker who was holding a 1-year old child. She explained while she was on the phone with her friend her estranged husband and father of her child, Robert Hill, showed up at her apartment and was banging on the door demanding to be let in. He forced his way into the apartment and stole her car keys and wallet. Mr. Hill broke a window during the disorder and yelled “Watch out Kristen, you’re gonna get bodied!” She has a valid order of protection against Mr. Hill and stated he had fled prior to police arrival. She provided a description of Mr. Hill to include what clothing he was wearing. A search of Mr. Hill was conducted but he was not found.

Approximately 10 minutes after the officers cleared the area, Chandler Police Dispatch received a 911 text from the victim stating “help!” Officers were immediately dispatched back to the victim’s home. Officers arrived and found Mr. Hill at the front door of the apartment. Mr. Hill fled on foot and was chased by several officers. Officer Newell caught up to Mr. Hill and took him to the ground. As Mr. Hill resisted by trying to get up and break free, Officers Hardman and Clark arrived and were able to take him to the ground a second time and take him into custody.

Mr. Hill sustained abrasions to his arms. Paramedics arrived but he refused treatment. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Officer Clark sustained abrasions to his left hand and both knees. Photographs were taken of the incident. A body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Criminal damage DV

Failure to comply with a court order DV

Disorderly conduct DV

Resisting arrest

**Injuries:**

Mr. Hill sustained abrasions to his arms.

Officer Clark sustained abrasions to his left hand and both knees.

Summary 7

**Date of Occurrence:** 04/24/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0216 **Incident Report:** 22-044626 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Andrew Brill #696 **Force Used:** Takedown

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, passive resistance

**Summary:**

On April 24th, 2022, at 0216 hours, Chandler Police Officer Brill responded to assist an officer on a subject stop at 2050 S. Arizona Ave in Chandler. The subject, Jennifer Hampton, had shoplifted a fountain drink at 2010 S. Arizona Ave.

During the contact Ms. Hampton was advised she was not to return to the Quick Trip at the request of the store. Ms. Hampton appeared to be angry, agitated, and at one point took up a fighting stance towards the officers. She refused to provide her information and stated she would do as she pleased. During the contact Officer Brill recalled a similar situation had occurred the previous day. After researching the previous night’s incident, he determined Ms. Hampton had in fact been trespassed already and was not supposed to have returned. Officer Brill went to the store and spoke to an employee advising him of the official trespass from the previous night. The employee requested Ms. Hampton be prosecuted for this night’s trespass.

Officer Brill returned to where Ms. Hampton was and found her urinating in public. Upon recontacting her she attempted to walk away and ignored Officer Brill’s orders to stop. Officer Brill and Officer Butler grabbed her arms, with Officer Brill telling her she was under arrest. Ms. Hampton tensed her arms and attempted to break free. Officer Brill took Ms. Hampton to the ground where she was handcuffed and arrested.

Ms. Hampton sustained a small laceration to her knee and complained her knee was broken. Paramedics arrived but she refused treatment. She was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility but was refused due to her complaint of injury. She was released after being issued a citation. Photographs were taken of the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Trespassing

Resisting arrest

**Injuries:**

Ms. Hampton sustained a small laceration to her knee and complained her knee was broken.

Summary 8

**Date of Occurrence:** 04/27/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0359 **Incident Report:** 22-045784 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Adam Farrow #729 **Force Used:** Impact push

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

**Summary:**

On April 27th, 2022, at 0359 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a suspicious person at 593 W. Ray Road #4 in Chandler. The caller said a male was pacing around her residence and feared he would attempt to make entry into her home. The caller provided a description of the male and would wait in her car.

Officer Farrow arrived and contacted the caller, who advised the male had just attempted to enter her car. Officer Farrow ordered the caller to lock herself in her car as the male, later identified as Rocky Hernandez, yelled he had not tried to enter her car and then started to run. Officer Farrow gave responding officers a direction of travel and pursued him on foot. Officer Farrow caught up with Mr. Hernandez and impact pushed him, causing Mr. Hernandez to fall to the ground. With the help of Officer Hocking, Mr. Hernandez was taken into custody.

Mr. Hernandez did not have any visible injuries or complaint of injury. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were taken of the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Disorderly conduct

Failure to obey a police officer

**Injuries:**

Mr. Hernandez did not have any visible injuries or complaint of injury.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 04/27/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1615 **Incident Report:** 22-046025 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Ryan Stover #710 **Force Used:** Knee strikes

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, aggravated assault on an officer

**Summary:**

On April 27th, 2022, at 1615 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 2101 N. Evergreen Street #2016 in Chandler. The caller stated her adult son, Emory Bussey, was “out of control” and had threatened to kill her if she called police. The caller said she was currently hiding in the closet. When officers arrived, the caller was instructed to come out of the apartment and meet officers outside.

Officers Lange and Stover arrived and spoke to the caller. After determining probable cause to trespass Mr. Bussey, they contacted him in the apartment and told him he was being trespassed. Mr. Bussey got upset and threw several pamphlets at Officer Lange, hitting him on the arm. Officer Lange told him he was going to jail just as Mr. Bussey got off the couch and raised his fists in a fighting stance. Officer Lange grabbed his arms as they both fell on the couch. Officer Lange pressed his body on top of Mr. Bussey as he tensed his arms and body, preventing his arms from being placed behind his back. At one point both officers lost their control of Mr. Bussey’s arms as he turned his body in what Officer Stover perceived was in preparation to kick him. Officer Stover delivered two knee strikes to his right leg and stopped to assess. Mr. Bussey continued to actively resist by attempting to break free. Officer Stover delivered an additional 7 knee strikes to the same right leg. After the knee strikes Mr. Bussey was eventually taken into custody.

Mr. Bussey had contusions to his leg and complained of back pain. He refused medical aid and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were taken of the incident. A body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer

**Injuries:**

Mr. Bussey had contusions to his leg and complained of back pain.

Summary 10

**Date of Occurrence:** 04/29/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0036 **Incident Report:** 22-046573 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Christopher Furstner #766 **Force Used:** Take down, CEWX2

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, passive resistance

**Summary:**

On April 29th, 2022, at 0036 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a fatal vehicle collision at Arizona Avenue and Palomino Drive in Chandler. According to patrol officers that had arrived at the scene, a male fled from the vehicle suspected of causing the accident. A description and a direction of travel was provided by witnesses at the scene.

Officer Furstner located the male around 2800 N. Arizona Avenue. He was concealing himself from the officer by hiding behind vehicles. Officer Furstner ordered the male, later identified as Randy Garcia, to come out. Mr. Garcia walked away, ignoring the officer’s commands to get on the ground. Officer Furstner caught up with Mr. Garcia and grabbed him by the arm. Mr. Garcia tensed up and attempted to pull away. Officer Furstner took him to the ground, causing Mr. Garcia to fall onto his back. Once on the ground Mr. Garcia balled up his fists causing Officer Furstner to believe he was about to be assaulted. Officer Furstner used his CEW and conducted a drive stun to Mr. Garcia’s abdomen. Mr. Garcia grabbed the CEW, causing the officer to believe he was attempting to take it from him. Officer Furstner delivered a second drive stun to his abdomen, causing Mr. Garcia to unclench his fists. Additional officers arrived and assisting Officer Furstner in taking him into custody.

Mr. Garcia did not have any visible injuries related to the CEW deployment but had injuries related to the vehicle collision. He was treated by paramedics then transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were taken of the incident. Officer Furstner’s body worn camera was on but dislodged during the confrontation.

**Charges on suspect:**

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Resisting arrest

Warrant

**Injuries:**

Mr. Garcia did not have any visible injuries related to the CEW deployment. He did have injuries related to the vehicle collision.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 04/29/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1206 **Incident Report:** 22-046731 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Joseph Phelps #824 **Force Used:** Take down

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands

**Summary:**

On April 29th, 2022, at 1206 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a trespass at 1005 N. Arizona Avenue in Chandler. The caller stated a male was trespassing on the property and requested the police ask him to leave. While officers contacted the male, the caller advised there was a second male sleeping on the property and asked to also have that male leave.

Officer Phelps went and attempted to wake the male, later identified as Thomas Trubilowics, by calling for him to wake up. When that didn’t work, Officer Phelps used his hand to shake Mr. Trubilowics’ leg. When he woke and sat up, a glass pipe used for smoking drugs fell out of his pocket. Officer Phelps grabbed his arms to effect an arrest. Mr. Trubilowics tensed his arms and attempted to resist being handcuffed. Officer Phelps pinned him to the ground causing Mr. Trubilowics to become complaint. He was handcuffed and arrested.

Mr. Trubilowics sustained an abrasion on his arm. He refused medical aid and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were taken of the incident. A body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Possession of drug paraphernalia

**Injuries:**

Mr. Trubilowics sustained an abrasion on his arm.

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

**Time of Occurrence:** 1316 **Incident Report:** 22-049283 **Personnel Involved:**  Sergeant William Mulliken **Force Used:** CEW X1

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

**Summary:**

On May 5th, 2022, at 1316 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a trespass at 7333 W. Detroit Street in Chandler. The caller stated three guests at the hotel had overstayed their rental period and were using drugs. The caller requested the three guests be trespassed.

Officers arrived and contacted the three guests in the lobby. During the contact one of the guests, later identified as Frankie Hoffman, fled on foot from the hotel lobby out a side entrance. Sergeant Mulliken and other officers pursued Mr. Hoffman. Sergeant Mulliken gave several commands for him to stop or he would use his conducted electronic weapon (CEW). Mr. Hoffman ignored the commands and continued to flee. Sergeant Mulliken deployed his CEW, with two probes striking Mr. Hoffman in the back. He fell to the ground and was taken into custody.

Mr. Hoffman sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployment. Paramedics arrived and provided medical aid. He was then transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. Photographs were not taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Warrant

**Injuries:**

Mr. Hoffman sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployment.

Summary 13

**Date of Occurrence:** 05/06/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0458 **Incident Report:** 22-049595 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Chase Bebak-Miller #731 **Force Used:** Take down

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, passive resistance

**Summary:**

On May 6th, 2022, at 0458 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 445 W. Chandler Boulevard #175 in Chandler. The caller stated William Spraggins was trying to break into her apartment and threatened to kill her. The caller and Mr. Spraggins share a child in common.

Officers Bebak-Miller and Triggs arrived and located Mr. Spraggins as he was walking away. The officers contacted him and gave him commands to stop, but he continued to walk saying he was not involved in what had happened. When confronted about blood that was on his shirt, Mr. Spraggins got on his cell phone and made a call. He was told to put the phone down but refused and started to yell at the officers while clenching his fists. He then quickly motioned towards Officer Triggs. Both officers grabbed Mr. Spraggins by the arms and placed him in handcuffs. The officers escorted him to the curb and instructed him to sit down. Mr. Spraggins refused and tried to break free from the officers. Officer Bebak-Miller pushed his foot behind Mr. Spraggins’ calf, causing his leg to buckle and both officers were able to force him to sit down.

Mr. Spraggins did not have any visible injuries but alleged that he was kicked by the officer. He was not medically treated and was transported to the Chandler City Municipal Court holding facility and turned over to detention staff to be seen by a judge. Photographs were taken of the incident and a body worn camera captured the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Threats DV

Assault DV

Trespass DV

Criminal damage DV

Disorderly conduct DV

**Injuries:**

Mr. Spraggins did not have any visible injuries but alleged that he was kicked by the officer.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 05/07/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0047 **Incident Report:** 22-049992 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Cameron Wofford #839 **Force Used:** CEWX2

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, passive resistance

**Summary:**

On May 7th, 2022, at 0047 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a disorder involving a man with a knife at 4926 W. Gail Drive in Chandler. The caller advised the male had attempted to force entry into their home and broke a window.

Officers arrived and contacted the male, later identified as Daniel Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez was seen with a beer can in his hand, which he put down during initial contact with the officers. The officers gave Mr. Gonzalez orders to get on the ground, which he refused. He began to walk towards the officers yelling “Fuck You!” while holding a metal item in his hand. He was given multiple commands to stop and get on the ground, but Mr. Gonzalez refused. Officer Wofford warned Mr. Gonzalez he would be “tased” if he did not comply with commands. As he closed the distance between the officers, Officer Wofford deployed his CEW striking Mr. Gonzalez in the torso with two probes. The CEW failed, causing Officer Wofford to deploy a second set of probes. The second probe deployment took effect, causing Mr. Gonzalez to fall backwards onto the ground. He was then taken into custody. A knife was recovered from his person.

Mr. Gonzalez had puncture wounds from the CEW deployment. He was treated by paramedics and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were taken of the incident and body worn cameras captured the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Assault DV

Criminal damage DV

Disorderly conduct DV

Interfering with the duties of a public official

**Injuries:**

Mr. Gonzalez had puncture wounds from the CEW deployment.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 05/07/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1800 **Incident Report:** 22-050203 **Personnel Involved:**  Detective Ronald Rodgers #552, Sergeant Jason Barnes #S83,

Detective David Parks #576, Officer Julian Gomez #777,

Officer Cody McKenna #695 **Force Used:** 37 MM Sage X23, Tri Chamber X3, Pepper Balls, fist strike, takedown

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, barricaded self in home

**Summary:**

On May 7th, 2022, at 1800 hours, the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office requested the assistance of the Chandler Police SWAT Team. They asked that the SWAT team respond to 6333 E. Akron Street in the City of Mesa to assist with a man who had barricaded himself in a home after assaulting his father with a metal pipe. According to information obtained, there were numerous high caliber rifles in the home. The suspect was seen with a shotgun in his possession with multiple rounds in a bandolier. The man was identified as Timothy Setzke.

Over the course of the four-hour SWAT operation, numerous attempts to contact Mr. Setzke were used to order him to surrender. Those attempts went unanswered. Less lethal items were deployed to cause Mr. Setzke to surrender. Detective Rodgers used his Arwin 37 MM Sage Multi-launcher to deploy 22 rounds of OC and CS chemical agents into the home. Sergeant Barnes deployed three Tri Chamber CS chemical agent devices into the home.

Eventually a plan was put in place to enter the home and take Mr. Setzke into custody. After a light and sound diversionary device was thrown into the kitchen, several members of the SWAT team entered. Commands were given to Mr. Setzke to get on the ground and surrender, but he refused. Detective Rodgers deployed a single 37 MM Sage baton rounds striking him on his left leg. Detective Parks simultaneously deployed pepper balls at Mr. Setzke. As the officers approached Mr. Setzke clinched his fists, causing Officer Gomez to believe he was continuing to resist being arrested. Officer Gomez delivered a single fist strike to Mr. Setzke’s torso as Officer McKenna used a ballistic shield to take Mr. Setzke to the floor, and into custody.

Mr. Setzke sustained abrasions to his body as well as exposure to chemical agents. Paramedics arrived and provided medical aid. He was then turned over to the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Deputies on scene. Photographs were not taken, and several body worn cameras recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault DV (MCSO charges)

**Injuries:**

Mr. Setzke sustained abrasions to his body as well as exposure to chemical agents.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 05/09/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1541 **Incident Report:** 22-051067 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Zachary Thomas #801, Kevin Orozco #745 **Force Used:** Knee strike, takedown

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, swung at officer, resisted arrest

**Summary:**

On May 9th, 2022, at 1541 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 715 W. Ray Road #8 in Chandler. The caller stated her nephew, Serefino Varelas, had assaulted his blind mother.

Officers arrived and contacted the caller and victim who both stated Mr. Varelas was towards the rear of the home. Officers went to the rear of the home and contacted Mr. Varelas. When speaking with him, Mr. Varelas was not making sense in his responses to questions, could not formulate a verbal response, and spoke unintelligibly. Having probable cause for his arrest, Officers Thomas and Orozco grabbed his arms to place him into handcuffs. Mr. Varelas resisted by tensing his arms, breaking free of the officers’ grip, and took a swing at Officer Shiflet. The officers grabbed his arms again, and Officer Thomas delivered a single knee strike to Mr. Varelas’ torso. He continued to resist as he tensed his arms and attempted to break free. Both officers were able to take him to the ground and arrest him.

Mr. Varelas sustained abrasions to his arms and legs, as well as his abdomen. Medical aid was not provided. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. Photographs were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Disorderly conduct DV

Assault DV

Resisting arrest

**Injuries:**

Mr. Varelas sustained abrasions to his arms and legs, as well as his abdomen.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 05/11/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1605 **Incident Report:** 22-051893 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Cody Kleindienst #800 **Force Used:** CEW X2, fist strike

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

**Summary:**

On May 11th, 2022, at 1605 hours, Chandler Police Officer Kleindienst was patrolling around Arizona Ave and Hunt Highway when he saw a male walking southbound. He observed the male put something into a nearby electrical box. Officer Kleindienst contacted the male, who identified himself as Tim Erickson. After speaking with the male, he was free to leave and continued to walk southbound on Arizona Ave.

Officer Kleindienst conducted a record check on Tim Erickson and was able to determine the male’s real name was Frank Burch. Mr. Burch had two felony warrants for his arrest. He drove down to where Mr. Burch was still walking, turned on his emergency light, exited the patrol car and ordered him to stop. Mr. Burch fled on foot and threw several items over a nearby wall. He then tried to get over the same wall but was not able to. He continued to flee on foot as Officer Kleindienst pursued. After giving him several commands to stop, Officer Kleindienst deployed his CEW twice with no success. Officer Kleindienst then continued to chase Mr. Burch, eventually catching up to him and tackling him to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Burch attempted to break free, causing Officer Kleindienst to deliver one fist strike to Mr. Burch’s face. The fist strike caused him to stop resisting and verbally stated he was giving up.

Mr. Burch sustained abrasions to his back, arms, and legs, as well as a laceration to his forehead. He was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and discharged. He was then transported to the Maricopa County Jail and booked on the warrants. Officer Kleindienst sustained abrasions to his hand. Photographs were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Warrants

Possession of narcotics

**Injuries:**

Mr. Burch sustained abrasions to his back, arms, and legs, as well as a laceration to his forehead.

Officer Kleindienst sustained abrasions to his hand.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 05/11/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2016 **Incident Report:** 22-051991 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Darren Heslop #775 **Force Used:** CEW X2, fist strikes

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, aggravated assault on an officer

**Summary:**

On May 11th, 2022, at 2016 hours, Chandler Police Officer Heslop was on patrol around the 7000 block of Chandler Boulevard in Chandler when he saw a male riding a bicycle without a light and looking into vehicles. Officer Heslop turned around and contacted the male.

Upon contact Officer Heslop contacted the male, later identified as David Salyers. Mr. Salyers refused to provide identification and told the officer he could not stop him for not having a light on his bicycle. Mr. Salyers began to raise his voice, balled his fists, and bladed his body into a fighting stance. Officer Heslop grabbed Mr. Salyers but he was able to break free and run. As Officer Heslop grabbed him a second time, Mr. Salyers broke free again and began to swing at the officer, striking him in the head with a fist. Mr. Salyers then fled again with Officer Heslop in pursuit. Officer Heslop gave him commands to stop or he would use his CEW. When he refused to stop, Officer Heslop deployed his CEW twice, with the second deployment causing Mr. Salyers to fall to the ground. As Officer Heslop attempted to arrest Mr. Salyers and pull him out of the traffic lanes, he continued to resist by attempting to break free and reach into his waistband area. Officer Heslop delivered several fists strikes to Mr. Salyers’ torso as additional officers arrived and took Mr. Salyers into custody.

Mr. Salyers sustained abrasions to his back, arms, and legs, as well as a laceration above his left eye. He was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and discharged. He was eventually transported to jail and booked. Officer Heslop sustained a contusion to his head and abrasions to his legs. Officer Townsend sustained a laceration to his hand. Photographs were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer

Resisting arrest

Possession of drug paraphernalia

**Injuries:**

Mr. Salyers sustained abrasions to his back, arms, and legs, as well as a laceration above his eye.

Officer Heslop sustained a contusion to his head.

Officer Townsend sustained a laceration to his hand.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 06/03/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1435 **Incident Report:** 22-061912 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Nate Mullins #719 **Force Used:** Impact push, takedown, fist strike

**Subject Actions:** Non-compliance with commands, indecent exposure

**Summary:**

On June 3rd, 2022, at 1435 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 1002 E. Commonwealth Avenue in Chandler. Officers contacted the involved parties, to include Dioni Acuna, and determined no crime had occurred. During the contact it was apparent Mr. Acuna had mental health issues. He was offered resources but refused them.

As the officers were leaving, Officer Mullins observed Mr. Acuna come out of the apartment with what appeared to be a broken canvass painting. He was making unintelligible statements, and at one point pulled his shorts down exposing his penis and testicles. He then grabbed two glass picture frames and smashed them on the ground. He then pulled out his wallet and as he made statements such as he was God, threw money in the air. Officer Mullins told him to go back in the home, but Mr. Acuna refused. Mr. Acuna exposed his penis again and began to masturbate. He then told Officer Mullins several sexual acts he would perform on him. Mr. Acuna then walked towards Officer Mullins in an aggressive manner, causing Officer Mullins to draw his CEW and threaten him with a deployment if he continued. As Officer Mullins was trying to leave, Mr. Acuna threw a sandal at him striking the patrol car. Officer Mullins exited his car and approached him to make an arrest. The officer gave Mr. Acuna commands to get on the ground, but he refused. As Officer Mullins closed the distance, Mr. Acuna began removing his shorts and underwear and clenched his fists. Officer Mullins impact pushed him, causing Mr. Acuna into a wall. The officer then took Mr. Acuna to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Acuna tensed up and positioned his hands under his body. Officer Mullins delivered a single fist strike to his back, causing Mr. Acuna to surrender his arms from under his body, but continued to resist being arrested. Additional officers arrived and he was taken into custody.

Mr. Acuna sustained abrasions to his back and face. He was not provided medical aid. Mr. Acuna was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Public sexual indecency

Indecent exposure

Disorderly conduct

Resisting arrest

**Injuries:**

Mr. Acuna sustained abrasions to his back and face.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 06/09/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1027 **Incident Report:** 22-064382 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Ryan Farley #543 **Force Used:** Strike to face with rifle muzzle

**Subject Actions:** Fled from police

**Summary:**

On June 9th, 2022, at 1027 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a vehicle burglary at 673 E. Commonwealth Avenue in Chandler. According to the caller, a male had broken into his car and stolen a handgun. The caller had followed the male to 630 E. Buffalo Street. A description of the male was provided.

Officers arrived and set up a perimeter around the home where the male was last seen. During the investigation the male was identified as Jose Rodriguez. Due to the severity of the crime (stolen handgun) Officer Farley was additionally armed with his patrol rifle. While on perimeter Officer Farley heard Officer Camacho over the radio say he located Mr. Rodriguez and was following him in his patrol car giving him orders to stop. As Officer Farley walked in the direction of where they were, Mr. Rodriguez fled on foot towards a nearby laundromat. Officer Farley chased him into the laundromat. Mr. Rodriguez ran into the back of the store and tried to close a metal security gate on Officer Farley. Officer Farley used the muzzle of his rifle to “punch” the metal mesh screen to keep the security gate from being closed by Mr. Rodriguez. In doing so, Officer Farley struck Mr. Rodriguez in the face through the mesh screen. Mr. Rodriguez fell to the ground as Officer Farley and Officer Camacho got through the door and took him into custody. The firearm was later recovered in the home he had initially fled to.

Mr. Rodriguez did not have any visible injuries or complaint of injury. He did not request medical aid and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer Escape

Trespassing Theft

Possession of a weapon by a prohibited possessor Burglary

**Injuries:**

Mr. Rodriguez did not have any visible injuries or complaint of injury.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 06/18/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2339 **Incident Report:** 22-068601 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Ian Bodell #816, Sergeant Ruben Sanchez #S143 **Force Used:** Takedown, impact push, CEW

**Subject Actions:** Interfering with an investigation, resisting arrest, grabbed officer

**Summary:**

On June 18th, 2022, at 2339 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a welfare check around Ray Road and Kyrene Road in Chandler. According to the caller a car was pulled over on the side of the road with a woman lying on the ground.

Officers arrived and contacted the driver and passenger of the vehicle, Chase Patridge and Kassie Shondee. They had been at a party and the unconscious woman on the ground was a friend of theirs who had too much to drink. As paramedics were called Officer Bodell and Sergeant Sanchez noticed Mr. Patridge and Ms. Shondee were intoxicated and there were open alcohol containers in the car. At one point during the investigation Ms. Shondee began to accuse the officers of sexually assaulting the unconscious woman as paramedics arrived. She stood over the unconscious woman and refused to get out of the way of the officers and paramedics after being given several orders to move. Sergeant Sanchez grabbed Ms. Shondee’s arm, but she broke free. Both officers grabbed her by the arms to arrest her when Mr. Patridge grabbed Sergeant Sanchez from behind to prevent the arrest. Officer Bodell ordered him not to touch the sergeant. Mr. Patridge grabbed Sergeant Sanchez a second time, causing Officer Bodell to push him back and grab his arm. As he struggled with Mr. Patridge, Sergeant Sanchez struggled with Ms. Shondee. Sergeant Sanchez shoved Ms. Shondee backwards causing her to fall on her back. Once on the ground, and with the aid of a paramedic, she was handcuffed and taken into custody. Mr. Patridge continued to resist Officer Bodell by attempting to break free and get into his vehicle. Sergeant Sanchez and Officer Bodell took Mr. Patridge to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Patridge resisted being arrested by tucking his hands and arms under his body. Sergeant Sanchez warned him that his CEW would be used if he continued to resist. With his orders being ignored, Sergeant Sanchez conducted a “drive stun” application of his CEW to Mr. Patridge’s back, causing him to immediately comply. Mr. Patridge was then handcuffed and taken into custody.

Mr. Patridge had redness on his back. He refused medical aid and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Ms. Shondee refused to answer any questions related to possible injuries. She was also transported to the Chandler Gilbert Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photographs were attempted but not taken. A body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Resisting arrest

Interfering with a public official

**Injuries:**

Mr. Patridge had redness to his back.

Ms. Shondee refused to answer any questions related to possible injuries.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 06/22/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 1505 **Incident Report:** 22-070128 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Sherri Chavarria #513 **Force Used:** CEW

**Subject Actions:** Mental health crisis, reached into waistband, pretended to shoot officer

**Summary:**

On June 22nd, 2022, at 1505 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to an aggravated assault at 1361 N. Tamarisk Drive in Chandler. According to the caller a male was acting erratic and struck a landscaper on the head with a rock, causing injury. A description of the male and his direction of travel was provided.

Officer Chavarria arrived in the area and was contacted by several witnesses. One of the witnesses told her the male, later identified as Valentine Brewer, had thrown rocks at his van. The witness directed her to 2266 W. Orchid Lane and stated Mr. Brewer was in the backyard. Officer Chavarria approached the house and entered the backyard. After entering the back yard, she was confronted by Mr. Brewer. He aggressively approached her yelling “I have a gun!” and reached into his waistband. As Officer Chavarria retreated, she gave him commands to stay back. Mr. Brewer continued to yell he had a gun and drew his hands and fingers in the shape of a gun and pointed it at the officer. Officer Chavarria deployed her CEW and fired two probes, striking Mr. Brewer. The CEW deployment was successful and caused Mr. Brewer to fall to the ground. As he started to get back up, she fired a second set of probes which was also effective. Other officers arrived and took him into custody.

Mr. Brewer sustained puncture wounds from the CEW probes and had abrasions to his torso and legs. Paramedics arrived and treated Mr. Brewer before he was transported to a local hospital for a mental health evaluation. Photographs of the incident were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault

Trespassing

Criminal damage

**Injuries:**

Mr. Brewer sustained puncture wounds from the CEW probes and had abrasions to his torso and legs.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 06/24/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 0106 **Incident Report:** 22-70814 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Tyler Mohney #841 **Force Used:** Fist strike to face X2, takedown

**Subject Actions:** Swung at officer striking him in the face, active aggression

**Summary:**

On June 24th, 2022, at 0106 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to bar fight at 480 N. Arizona Avenue in Chandler. Officer Mohney arrived and entered the bar. Once inside he was directed by the bartender to a male who she alleged was the cause of the fight.

Officer Mohney contacted the male, later identified as Brett Benda, and pulled him aside to speak with him. As he spoke with him, the Officer Mohney was able to determine that he was intoxicated. Mr. Benda started to get upset with Officer Mohney and at one point started to walk away. The officer told him he was not free to leave. Mr. Benda turned towards the officer in an aggressive manner and raised his arms. Officer Mohney tried to grab his arm, but Mr. Benda grabbed the officer’s arm and swung at him, striking the officer in the head. Officer Mohney responded by striking Mr. Benda with two fist strikes to his face. As Mr. Benda got into a fighting stance Officer Clark arrived. The officers were able to take Mr. Benda to the ground and take him into custody.

Mr. Benda sustained a bloody lip, and contusions to his arms, neck, and forehead. Medical aid was not provided. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. Officer Mohney sustained contusions to the left side of his head. Photographs of the incident were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Aggravated assault on an officer

**Injuries:**

Mr. Benda sustained a bloody lip, and contusions to his arms, neck, and forehead.

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**Date of Occurrence:** 06/28/2022

**Time of Occurrence:** 2104 **Incident Report:** 22-72625 **Personnel Involved:**  Officer Megan Fritz #760 **Force Used:** Sage gun X1

**Subject Actions:** Refused commands, was armed with a knife (meat cleaver)

**Summary:**

On June 28th, 2022, at 2104 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic violence related assault at 726 W. Indigo Drive in Chandler. According to the caller, her son had assaulted family members and had a knife in his possession. The caller stated her son, identified as Caleb Samuel, fled in a dark colored Honda CRV.

Officers Mosbach and Fritz responded to the call and located the vehicle around Alma School Road and Sandpiper Drive. They initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle where Mr. Samuel initially pulled over. As the officers attempted to contact him, Mr. Samuel was playing loud music and alleged that he could not hear their instructions. Mr. Samuel then drove away. As the officers followed and initiated a second traffic stop, Mr. Samuel yielded, opened the car door, and stepped out with a meat cleaver in his hand. As the officers gave him commands to drop the knife from just 25 feet away, Officer Fritz grabbed her 40 MM Sage Gun and warned Mr. Samuel he would be injured with the Sage Gun if he did not drop the knife and comply. When Mr. Samuel refused, Officer Fritz fired a single Sage round striking him on the right side of his torso. Mr. Samuel dropped the knife and obeyed commands to get on the ground. He was taken into custody without further incident.

Mr. Samuel sustained a contusion to his torso. He was medically cleared by paramedics and transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. Photographs of the incident were taken, and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

**Charges on suspect:**

Assault DV

Criminal damage DV

Disorderly conduct DV

**Injuries:**

Mr. Samuel sustained a contusion to his torso.

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)