



Chandler Police Department – PSS Memo No. 22-004

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Thru: Bryan Cox, Assistant Chief
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Subject: Use of Force Review, 4th Quarter 2021

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

PSS Sergeant

PSS Lieutenant

Assistant Chief

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 The Chandler Police Department stipulates that officers must adhere to their training unless the situation justifies a deviation from that training.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 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 fourth quarter of 2021 to identify prevalent trends or deficiencies per the current CALEA standard.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.

2021 Fourth Quarter Review

The Chandler Police Department logged 1754 arrests during the fourth quarter of 2021, averaging approximately nineteen (19) arrests per day. The fourth quarter of 2021 yielded a total of sixteen (16) 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 sixteen (16) incidents reviewed by the board for the months of October, November, and December of 2021. 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 forty-one (41) distinct applications of force. This report will deliver the summaries of the sixteen (16) reviewed incidents.

¹ ARS § 13-3881.B

² CPD G.O. E-01.200.B.3

³ CPD G.O. E-01.400.E.1

⁴ CALEA 1.3.13

Type of Force Used Fourth Quarter 2021

Force Used	Applications	Additional Details
Low Level Force	11	Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands, etc.
Intermediate Force	30	K9 Bite, fist strikes, Knee strikes, Kicks, Less lethal, CEW, Impact push, etc.
Total	41	

Total Force Used Fourth Quarter 2021

Total Arrests	Force Used	Percentage
1754	16	.91%

Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age

Number	Race	Gender	Age Range	Average Age	%
5	White	Male	24-53	34	31%
2	Black	Male	24-35	30	12.5%
6	Hispanic	Male	18-59	39	38%
1	Hispanic	Female	32	32	6%
2	Native American	Male	31-38	35	12.5%

(16 total subjects in the use of force incidents)

Policy Violations/Reviews

In the fourth quarter of 2021 there was one (1) use of force incident referred to Internal Affairs for review. The review is still in process.

Training Issues

Three training issues were identified by the Use of Force Board. One training issue involved failing to activate a body worn camera. The second involved better communication with people being contacted and waiting for additional officers prior to contacting more than one person. The third involved properly deploying a sage gun. The training issues were handled by the individual officer's chain of command.

Injuries

In the fourth quarter of 2021, 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.

Thirteen (13) 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 Forced Used Fourth Quarter 2021

Suspects/Detainees	Officers	Total
13	4	17

Emotionally Disturbed/Impaired

Eleven (11) 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 fourth quarter of 2021 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 fourth quarter of 2021.

Incident Review Summaries
Summary 1

Date of Occurrence: 10/03/2021
Time of Occurrence: 1559
Incident Report: 21-108517
Personnel Involved: Officer Adam Farrow #729, Officer Kevin Kimmerling #738
Force Used: Impact push X2, knee strike X4, takedown
Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, argumentative, active resistance
Summary:

On October 3rd, 2021, at 1559 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to 130 N. Hamilton Street #47 in Chandler to assist the Mesa Police Department in locating a domestic violence suspect.

Officers Kimmerling and Allison arrived and contacted the suspect who was working on a vehicle in the parking lot. Upon contact the suspect was advised he was being detained. When the officers attempted to put handcuffs on him, the suspect attempted to break away. A male, identified as Jeffry Tate, approached the officers demanding to know why the suspect was being arrested. Mr. Tate was very aggressive towards the officers, getting in their faces, and yelling at them demanding that the suspect be released. Approximately 10 more people came towards the officers and began surrounding them and yelling at them. Officer Kimmerling ordered Mr. Tate to get back and pushed him back several times. Mr. Tate continued to get close to the officers as they were attempting to arrest the suspect. Officer Farrow and other officers arrived to assist. Officer Farrow got in between Mr. Tate and Officer Kimmerling so Officer Kimmerling could assist in completing the arrest of the suspect. Mr. Tate refused commands by Officer Farrow to get back, was pacing, and had his hands balled up in fists. Mr. Tate was warned he would be arrested if he continued to interfere. Officer Farrow had his PR24 baton in both hands when Mr. Tate got so close to him that his PR24 baton touched Mr. Tate's chest. Officer Farrow pushed Mr. Tate back using the PR24 baton as an impact push device while telling him to "get back!" Mr. Tate again approached Officer Farrow, causing the officer to again impact push him with the PR24 across his chest. Officer Kimmerling, having completed handcuffing the suspect with Officer Allison, tackled Mr. Tate and took him to the ground. The officers were able to roll Mr. Tate onto his stomach but he resisted being handcuffed by tucking his arms under his body. Officer Kimmerling delivered three knee strikes to Mr. Tate's torso and attempted to pull his arm from under his body. He then delivered a fourth and final knee strike, causing Mr. Tate to release his arm from under his body. Mr. Tate was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Mr. Tate had an abrasion to his right wrist. Paramedics arrived but he refused medical treatment. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified holding facility where he

was booked. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Resisting arrest

Interfering with a public official

Injuries:

Mr. Tate had an abrasion to his right wrist.

Summary 2

Date of Occurrence: 10/04/2021

Time of Occurrence: 0801

Incident Report: 21-108728

Personnel Involved: Sergeant Doug Scholz #S59, Detective Rob Englert #442

Force Used: Sage Gun X2, Pepper ball rounds

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, barricaded in vehicle with a firearm

Summary:

On October 4th, 2021, at 0801 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a welfare check at the gas station located at 1010 E. Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. The caller stated a male who was in a vehicle at the gas pumps was non-responsive and had drug paraphernalia on his lap.

Officers arrived and observed the sleeping male, later identified as Caleb Saewert, in the front seat. The drug paraphernalia was in plain view, as well as a firearm in Mr. Saewert's waistband. The officers positioned patrol vehicles in the front and rear of the vehicle and from a distance used a patrol car's PA system to wake Mr. Saewert. During the initial contact and eventual cell phone conversation, Mr. Saewert admitted to the possession of the drug paraphernalia and firearm but refused to exit the vehicle and surrender. Chandler SWAT was notified and responded to the scene.

Once the SWAT team arrived, Mr. Saewert continued to refuse to exit the vehicle. The decision was made to extract him from the vehicle. SWAT Sergeant Scholz deployed two Sage Gun rounds, breaking the rear driver side passenger window. Following the Sage Gun deployment, SWAT Detective Englert deployed several rounds of OC pepper balls into the broken rear passenger window as well as the outside of the driver's side window. Mr. Saewert exited the vehicle and surrendered.

Mr. Saewert suffered exposure to the OC pepper balls. He was treated by a SWAT paramedic then 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:

Possession of a weapon by a prohibited possessor

Possession of a firearm during a drug offense

Resisting arrest

Possession of narcotics

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Injuries:

Mr. Saewert suffered exposure to the OC pepper balls.

Summary 3

Date of Occurrence: 10/10/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1541

Incident Report: 21-110770

Personnel Involved: Officer Phillip Savittieri

#742

Force Used: Impact push

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands, fled from officer

Summary:

On October 10th, 2021, at 1541 hours, Chandler Police Officer Savittieri was conducting traffic enforcement around 2400 N. Arizona Avenue in Chandler. He observed a vehicle traveling 80 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone.

Officer Savittieri initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, which refused to yield to his emergency lights and sirens. The vehicle continued at approximately 80 miles per hour until it reached the apartment complex located at 99 W. Palomino Road in Chandler. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Christopher Jacobs, parked the car in a parking spot near building #7 and fled on foot. As Officer Savittieri pursued the male, he gave commands for him to stop. The male looked back at the officer as his hands were at his waistband. Officer Savittieri delivered an impact push on Mr. Jacobs, causing Mr. Jacob to stumble as he continued to flee. The officer was able to grab Mr. Jacobs from behind and take him to the ground. Mr. Jacobs began to yell for his friends, who came out of a nearby apartment and started to confront Officer Savittieri. The friends yelled profanities and insults at the officer and attempted to reach into Mr. Jacob's pants pockets. Additional officers arrived and Mr. Jacobs was taken into custody.

Mr. Jacobs sustained abrasions to his face and arm. He refused medical treatment and was 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:

Resisting arrest

Unlawful flight

Exceeding speed

Injuries:

Mr. Jacobs sustained abrasions to his face and arm.

Summary 4

Date of Occurrence: 10/22/2021

Time of Occurrence: 2335

Incident Report: 21-115829

Personnel Involved: Officer Richard Rimbach #711, Officer Jacob Ramer #817

Force Used: Take down

Subject Actions: Non-compliance with commands

Summary:

On October 22nd, 2021, at 2335 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a suspicious person in the alley of 304 W. Mission Drive in Chandler. The caller indicated a male was acting suspicious in the alley behind their residence.

Officer Rimbach arrived and contacted the male, later identified as Moises Hernandez Barragan. Mr. Barragan had in his possession an anti-theft security tag that is usually removed from items prior to leaving a store. When asked why he was in the alley, Mr. Barragan stated he didn't live there, and began acting anxious while looking at the officer with a "1000-yard stare." He then gained a more aggressive posture as he was contacted by the officer. Mr. Barragan then reached into his lunchbox after Officer Rimbach told him not to. Officer Rimbach grabbed Mr. Barragan by the arm to prevent him from grabbing something in the lunchbox. Mr. Barragan pulled his arm away from the officer while pushing him away to break free and flee. Officer Ramer arrived and both officers took Mr. Barragan to the ground. While on the ground Mr. Barragan continued to resist by refusing to put his hands behind his back. He was eventually handcuffed and arrested.

Mr. Barragan sustained abrasions to his face and elbow. He was treated by paramedics then 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:

Possession of dangerous drugs

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Resisting arrest

Interfering with a public official

Injuries:

Mr. Barragan sustained abrasions to his face and elbow.

Summary 5

Date of Occurrence: 10/24/2021

Time of Occurrence: 0351

Incident Report: 21-116304

Personnel Involved: Officer Sergio Natividad #783, Officer Brad Hocking #733

Force Used: CEW X2, Drive stun CEW X2, Knee strike X1

Subject Actions: Refused commands, aggravated assault on officer, assault on citizen

Summary:

On October 24th, 2021, at 0351 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a DUI at 286 W. Palomino Drive in Chandler. The caller indicated a male was DUI while listening to music out of a truck in the apartment complex parking lot. According to the caller, his daughter was not able to sleep due to the music. The caller identified the driver as "Jerry" who lived in apartment #30.

Officer Natividad arrived and located the truck with the loud music. The vehicle was still running with the keys in the ignition. The passenger door was open with no one inside. There were open alcohol containers throughout and a wallet on the seat. The truck's registration came back to apartment #30. As he approached apartment #30, he saw an intoxicated male, later identified Geraldo Meza-Vega, at the front door. Upon contact Mr. Meza-Vega stated the truck belonged to his mother, and that he was not currently in the truck. Officer Natividad instructed him to sit on a nearby stairwell, but Mr. Meza-Vega refused and put his hands in his pockets. When Officer Natividad instructed him to take his hands out of his pockets, Mr. Meza-Vega refused, turned around, and attempted to enter the apartment. The officer grabbed Mr. Meza-Vega by the arms to detain him. Mr. Meza-Vega tensed his arms and used his shoulder to push the officer away. Officer Natividad took him to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Meza-Vega defecated himself. As he continued to struggle with the officer, Mr. Meza-Vega broke free from the officer's grasp and began pushing and striking the officer in the chest. He then stood up, got into a fighting stance, and faced the officer. The caller who lived nearby heard the commotion and came to assist Officer Natividad. Mr. Meza-Vega grabbed the caller from behind in a headlock while Officer Natividad tried to take him into custody. The officer deployed his CEW and fired two probes striking Mr. Meza-Vega's torso. He was able to remove the probes from his body rendering the CEW deployment unsuccessful. Officer Natividad deployed a second CEW probe deployment but again, Mr. Meza-Vega was able to pull the probes out. Officer Natividad attempted two separate CEW drive stun attempts with no effect. Officer Hocking and other officers arrived and were able to take Mr. Meza-Vega to the ground. As he continued to resist and fight with the officers, Officer Hocking delivered a

single knee strike to Mr. Meza-Vega's right shoulder. After the knee strike Mr. Meza-Vega stopped fighting and was taken into custody.

Mr. Meza-Vega sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployment. He also had abrasions throughout his body. He refused treatment by paramedics but was transported to a local hospital. He was released and transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified holding facility and booked. Officer Natividad sustained injuries to his leg and hand. 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
Assault (on the caller)
Disorderly conduct

Injuries:

Mr. Meza-Vega sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployment. He also had abrasions throughout his body.

Officer Natividad sustained injuries to his leg and hand.

Summary 6

Date of Occurrence: 10/24/2021
Time of Occurrence: 1021
Incident Report: 21-116369
Personnel Involved: Officer Peter Edghill #757, Officer Dustin Hazer #840,
Officer Shane Lumpp #721
Force Used: Take down
Subject Actions: Refused commands, resisted arrest
Summary:

On October 24th, 2021, at 1021 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a disorder at the intersection of Alma School Road and Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. The caller stated a male was throwing rocks at passing cars. The caller provided a description of the male and a direction of travel.

Officer Edghill located the male, later identified as Seth Young, near the intersection of Chandler Boulevard and Pennington Road. As he contacted Mr. Young, Officer Edghill instructed him to sit on the curb. Mr. Young refused, tensed his body, and walked towards the officer in an aggressive manner. Mr. Young refused to give his name to the officer when asked, turned around, and started to walk away. Officer Edghill told Mr. Young he was not free to leave as Officers Hazer and Lumpp arrived to assist. Officer Edghill and Lumpp grabbed both his arms as they attempted to detain Mr. Young. He became tense and started to resist as the officers made attempts to take Mr. Young to the ground. Officer Hazer grabbed Mr. Young by the front of his body and all three officers and Mr. Young went to the ground. As the officers attempted to restrain Mr. Young, he resisted and tried to break free. Additional officers arrived and Mr. Young was taken into custody.

Mr. Young sustained abrasions on his face and both legs. He was transported and admitted to a local hospital for medical treatment and a mental health evaluation. Officer Edghill sustained injuries to his wrist. A crime scene technician photographed the incident and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Disorderly conduct (Long form)

Injuries:

Mr. Young sustained abrasions on his face and both legs.

Officer Edghill sustained injuries to his wrist.

Summary 7

Date of Occurrence: 11/01/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1545

Incident Report: 21-119507

Personnel Involved: Officer Rupert Snedigar #732

Force Used: K9

Subject Actions: Refused commands, discharged firearm into neighbor's homes

Summary:

On November 1st, 2021, at 1545 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a shooting at 13327 E. Chicago Street which is in the City of Chandler, but within a Maricopa County Island. The caller, a Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Dispatcher, requested Chandler Police assist deputies with a shooting. The suspect in the incident, Robert Smee, had shot several rounds from a firearm into neighbors' homes. Mr. Smee is a military veteran with extensive training and has been diagnosed with mental health issues.

Chandler Officers arrived including Officer Snedigar and his K9 Rex. Maricopa County Sheriff's Office SWAT team arrived and assumed command of the incident. Deputies contacted Mr. Smee who was in his front yard. He appeared intoxicated, was verbally aggressive towards the deputies, and refused to surrender. A deputy deployed a less lethal round striking Mr. Smee in the abdomen, with minimal results. Officer Snedigar deployed K9 Rex, who charged Mr. Smee and bit him on the left side of his waist. As K9 Rex held his bite, Mr. Smee was taken into custody.

Mr. Smee sustained puncture wounds from the K9 bite. He was transported to a local hospital and admitted for treatment. A crime scene technician photographed the injuries and a body worn camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Unknown (Maricopa County Sheriff's Office took disposition of the incident).

Injuries:

Mr. Smee sustained puncture wounds from the K9 bite.

Summary 8

Date of Occurrence: 11/07/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1647

Incident Report: 21-121920

Personnel Involved: Officer Kaden Romero #802, Officer Tim Cooper
#712

Force Used:

Takedown

Subject Actions: Refused commands, resisted being arrested

Summary:

On November 7th, 2021, at 1647 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a fight at 4060 S. Arizona Avenue in Chandler. The caller stated there was a fight at the bar at this address and a male was injured.

Chandler Officers arrived and contacted several individuals outside, to include Mario Pablo, who was bleeding from the back of his head. Mr. Pablo was intoxicated and refusing to cooperate and speak with the officers. There was another male on the ground who appeared to be injured at Mr. Pablo's feet. Mr. Pablo refused to move, answer questions, and allow officers to assess him as well as the male who was on the ground. During the initial investigation it was determined Mr. Pablo was the aggressor in the fight.

Officer Romero and Officer Cooper grabbed Mr. Pablo by the arms to handcuff and detain him. Mr. Pablo tensed his arms and began to resist by attempting to break free. Both officers took Mr. Pablo to the ground. Once on the ground he was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Mr. Pablo sustained a laceration above his right eye due to the takedown. He had a laceration to the back of his head that occurred during the fight prior to police arrival. He was transported and admitted to a local hospital for medical treatment. A crime scene technician photographed the scene and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Disorderly conduct (long form complaint)

Injuries:

Mr. Pablo sustained a laceration above his right eye.

Summary 9

Date of Occurrence: 11/21/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1453

Incident Report: 21-127374

Personnel Involved: Officer Kyle Liggitt #735, Officer Adam Farrow #729

Force Used: Takedown, knee strike

Subject Actions: Refused commands, fled from officers

Summary:

On November 21st, 2021, at 1453 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a welfare check at 113 W. Morelos Street in Chandler. The caller said her friend, Martin Rascon, had just smoked a blue pill and was now acting erratic. Prior to police arrival, a record check revealed Mr. Rascon had two felony warrants for his arrest.

Chandler Officers arrived and attempted to contact Mr. Rascon who was in the backyard. He jumped over a wall and fled on foot. Officers Farrow and Liggitt gave chase, with Officer Farrow tackling Mr. Rascon to the ground. Once on the ground, Mr. Rascon resisted arrest by tucking his arms under his body and refusing to be handcuffed. As Officer Farrow attempted to pull his arms from underneath him, both officers gave him orders to release his arms from under his body. Mr. Rascon continued to resist. Officer Liggitt delivered a single knee strike to Mr. Rascon's torso, causing him to release his hands. He was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Mr. Rascon sustained a laceration above his right eye due to the takedown. He was transported and admitted to a local hospital for medical treatment. He was then released and transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. A crime scene technician photographed the scene and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Warrants

Possession of narcotics

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Injuries:

Mr. Rascon sustained a laceration above his right eye due to the takedown.

Summary 10

Date of Occurrence: 11/25/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1208

Incident Report: 21-128836

Personnel Involved: Officer Ryan Farley #543, Officer Kris Buchanan #477

Force Used: 40 MM Sage gun deployment X5

Subject Actions: Carjacking suspect, fled from police

Summary:

On November 25th, 2021, at 1208 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to armed carjacking suspect who was being followed by Mesa Police Officers in unmarked police vehicles around Hamilton Street and Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. Once marked Chandler Police vehicles arrived a traffic stop was initiated, and a pursuit ensued.

During the pursuit the suspect collided with a curb, causing severe damage to the vehicle's front driver's side wheel. As the suspect continued to flee, he rammed two Chandler Police vehicles before coming to a stop in a dirt lot. Officers gave instructions for the suspect to surrender and come out, but he refused. Officer Buchanan fired his 40 MM Sage Gun twice, breaking the windows of the passenger side of the car (to see what was happening inside). Due to the multiple airbag deployments, the officers were not able to look inside. Officer Farley fired his 40 MM Sage Gun three times, to break out more windows of the vehicle. Two of the rounds did not break the car windows. After the 40 MM Sage Gun deployments, a team of officers approached the vehicle and discovered the suspect, Anthony Romero, had killed himself with a firearm.

Mr. Romero sustained a lethal self-inflicted gunshot wound. A crime scene technician photographed the scene and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

None

Injuries:

Mr. Romero sustained a lethal self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Summary 11

Date of Occurrence: 11/29/2021
Time of Occurrence: 0612
Incident Report: 21-130227
Personnel Involved: Officer Cody Kleindienst #800, Officer Zach Thomas #801,
Officer Marcelo Camacho #749
Force Used: Takedown, fist strikes, knee strikes, pepper spray
Subject Actions: Aggravated assault on an officer, actively resisting arrest
Summary:

On November 29th, 2021, at 0612 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 409 N. Delaware Street in Chandler. According to the caller his brother, Logan Gidula, has mental health issues and having an “episode.”

Officers arrived and contacted the caller under the carport of the home. As the officers spoke to the caller, Mr. Gidula came out of the home with a cell phone in his hand speaking to 911. He was in an agitated state, his body was tense, and was yelling at the officers to “shut the fuck up” and “you act like I’m scared or shit!” Officers Kleindienst and Thomas attempted to speak with Mr. Gidula and de-escalate the situation but were unsuccessful. Mr. Gidula puffed up his chest and started to display signs he was about to assault the officers. Both officers grabbed his arms to detain him. Mr. Gidula tensed up and locked his arms tight, preventing the officers from handcuffing him. As the officers attempted to push Mr. Gidula against a car, his elbow struck Officer Kleindienst in the chest. Officer Thomas delivered a single knee strike to Mr. Gidula’s torso, with little effect. Officer Kleindienst took Mr. Gidula to the ground as he continued to actively resist by punching Officer Kleindienst in the face. Officer Kleindienst delivered a fist strike to his face as Officer Thomas delivered a single fist strike to his torso. Both strikes had little effect. As Mr. Gidula was able to partially get off the ground Officer Camacho arrived and deployed his pepper spray with a single burst to Mr. Gidula’s face. He was taken fully to the ground a second time and with the help of several other officers who had arrived, was taken into custody.

Mr. Gidula sustained effects from the pepper spray and redness to his face. He was transported to a local hospital and treated prior to being transported to the 4th Avenue Maricopa County Jail and booked. Officer Kleindienst sustained abrasions to his hands, arms, and legs. Officer Thomas sustained abrasions to his legs and arms. Officer

Tomaszewski sustained a contusion and abrasion to his head. Officer Camacho sustained abrasions to his knees.

A crime scene technician photographed the scene and a body worn camera recorded the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer X4
Assault on medical personnel
Resisting arrest

Injuries:

Mr. Gidula sustained effects from the pepper spray and redness to his face.
Officer Kleindienst sustained abrasions to his hands, arms, and legs.
Officer Thomas sustained abrasions to his legs and arms.
Officer Tomaszewski sustained a contusion and abrasion to his head.
Officer Camacho sustained abrasions to his knees.

Summary 12

Date of Occurrence: 12/10/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1523

Incident Report: 21-133681

Personnel Involved: Detective Robert Englert #442

Force Used: Sage gun (37MM)

Subject Actions: Refused commands, moved hands towards waist, turned towards officer

Summary:

On December 10th, 2021, members of the Chandler Police Department's Criminal Apprehension Unit were searching for Corrigan Stufflebeem around 201 S. Roosevelt Avenue in Chandler. Mr. Stufflebeem was wanted for a domestic violence related aggravated assault and kidnapping.

At 1523 hours Mr. Stufflebeem was observed by the Criminal Apprehension Unit approach a vehicle he was known to be driving. Detectives ordered him to raise his hands, get on the ground, and surrender. Mr. Stufflebeem refused the commands and began to walk towards his vehicle. More commands were given, causing him to pause, raise his hands, and began to slightly walk backwards. Detective Englert observed Mr. Stufflebeem moved his hands towards his waistband and look for an avenue of escape. He again gave him orders to get on the ground, but they were ignored. Mr. Stufflebeem then bladed his body in what was perceived to be an attempt to escape. Detective Englert discharged his 37 MM Sage Gun, striking Mr. Stufflebeem on the left side of his torso. He fell to the ground and was taken into custody.

Mr. Stufflebeem sustained a contusion to his torso from the Sage deployment. He was transported to a local hospital and admitted. Two days later he was transported to the 4th Avenue Maricopa County Jail and booked. Detective Englert did not activate his body worn camera due to having a dead battery. Other detectives on scene did have their body worn cameras activated. A crime scene technician photographed the scene.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault DV

Kidnapping DV

Injuries:

Mr. Stufflebeem sustained a contusion to his torso from the Sage deployment.

Summary 13

Date of Occurrence: 12/20/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1036

Incident Report: 21-138542

Personnel Involved: Officer Zach Thomas #801

Force Used: Takedown

Subject Actions: Refused commands, concealed hand behind back, walked away

Summary:

On December 20th, 2021, at 1036 hours, Officer Thomas was on patrol around Arizona Avenue and Chandler Boulevard when he observed what appeared to be three transients at the northeast corner. They had blankets hanging from the trees, shopping carts, trash scattered on the ground, appearing to have set up camp.

Officer Thomas approached the three individuals and told them they were littering. One of the three individuals, later identified as Ramon Lopez, was walking around, and appeared to be ignoring the officer. Officer Thomas told Mr. Lopez he was being lawfully detained and to take a seat. Mr. Lopez said this was "bullshit" and that he "aint sitting down....I gotta go." When Officer Thomas told him to take a seat a second time, Mr. Lopez said "try it." Mr. Ramon then concealed his right hand behind his back and started to walk away. Officer Thomas grabbed his left arm to prevent him from leaving. Mr. Lopez pulled his arm away from the officer. Officer Thomas grabbed his shoulder and took him to the ground. Mr. Lopez tucked his right hand under his body to keep from being handcuffed, but Officer Thomas was eventually able to place Mr. Lopez into custody. A knife was recovered from his rear pants pocket.

Mr. Lopez had a previously healing abrasion on his arm that was re-injured during the takedown. He was treated by paramedics on scene, then transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force. Photos were not taken.

Charges on suspect:

Littering

Resisting arrest

Interfering with the duties of a public official

Injuries:

Mr. Lopez had a previously healing abrasion on his arm that was re-injured during the takedown.

Summary 14

Date of Occurrence: 12/23/2021

Time of Occurrence: 1348

Incident Report: 21-139637

Personnel Involved: Officer Brad Fry #625

Force Used: Fist strikes, takedown

Subject Actions: Attempted to flee and steal a car with a child in it

Summary:

On December 23rd, 2021, at 1348 hours, Officer Fry responded to a call of a single vehicle accident at 5055 W. Ray Road in Chandler. The caller observed a male in a blue Honda speed into the parking lot and collide with a curb. The male got out of the vehicle and walked away.

Officer Fry arrived and as he spoke to the caller, a witness spotted the driver of the Honda standing near the entrance of the parking lot. Officer Fry approached the male and asked him if he was the driver of the Honda. The male, later identified as Jessan Santos, was nervous and hesitant to respond. Mr. Santos said he was the driver and had borrowed the car. Officer Fry grabbed him by the arm, but Mr. Santos broke free and fled towards the caller's running car. He got into the driver's seat, closed the door, and put the vehicle in drive with the caller's child in the back seat. Officer Fry reached through the driver's door window, grabbed the driver's shirt, and delivered approximately 3 fist strikes to Mr. Santos' face to stop him from driving away. During the struggle, the caller was able to get into the car through the front passenger door, put the car in park, and remove the key from the ignition. Officer Fry was able to open the driver door, removed Mr. Santos from the car, and take him to the ground and into custody.

Mr. Santos sustained redness to his face. He refused treatment by paramedics and was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked. Officer Fry sustained a bloody nose and a laceration to his lower lip while removing Mr. Santos from the vehicle. A body worn camera recorded the use of force. Photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer

Escape
Unlawful imprisonment
Auto theft

Injuries:

Mr. Santos sustained redness to his face.

Officer Fry sustained a bloody nose and a laceration to his lower lip.

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Date of Occurrence: 12/23/2021
Time of Occurrence: 2342
Incident Report: 21-139902
Personnel Involved: Officer Destiny Richardson #805
Force Used: Knee strike
Subject Actions: Kicked officer while handcuffed
Summary:

On December 23rd, 2021, at 2342 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to 120 N. Ithica Street in Chandler reference a domestic disturbance. According to the caller her sister in law and mother in law were involved in a fight.

Officers Richardson and Hardman arrived and contacted the residents at this location. After their initial investigation they established probable cause to arrest Erica Arviso, who was still in the home. They found Ms. Arviso hiding in a closet. She refused to come out, so Officer Richardson grabbed her by the arm and pulled her out. Once out of the closet, Ms. Arviso resisted being arrested by tensing her arms and refusing to place them behind her back. With the help of Officer Hardman, she was placed in handcuffs and arrested. Ms. Arviso struggled with the officers by pulling away and screaming at the officers as she was escorted to a patrol car. Once at the patrol car Officer Richardson started to search Ms. Arviso prior to placing her in patrol car. Ms. Arviso continued to struggle with the officers by kicking Officer Richardson on the right shin. To prevent her from kicking a second time, Officer Richardson delivered a single knee strike to the back of her left leg. She then used her body to press Ms. Arviso against the car to get better control of her. After the search Ms. Arviso was placed in the back seat of the patrol car.

Ms. Arviso had no visible injuries or complaint of injury. She was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where she was booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force. Photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer
Disorderly conduct DV
Resisting arrest

Injuries:

Ms. Arviso had no visible injuries or complained of injuries.

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Date of Occurrence: 12/29/2021
Time of Occurrence: 0725
Incident Report: 21-141687
Personnel Involved: Officer Marcelo Camacho #749
Force Used: OC spray
Subject Actions: Charged at officers
Summary:

On December 29th, 2021, at 0725 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to 598 N. McQueen Road in Chandler reference a DUI. According to the caller a female was passed out behind the wheel of a running vehicle.

Officers Angulo and Camacho arrived and located the passed-out female behind the wheel of the running vehicle. They made several attempts to wake the female by knocking on the window and using sirens and lights to get her attention with no results. As they attempted to wake the female, a male, later identified as Daryll Johnson, started to yell and approach the officers from a nearby residential building. He walked towards the officers in an aggressive manner, yelling profanities and screaming "what the fuck are you doing?" Officer Angulo gave Mr. Johnson orders to stop and back off. He failed to obey Officer Angulo's orders, aggressively removed his shirt, balled his fists, as if preparing to assault the officers. Officer Camacho delivered a 1-2 second burst of OC spray to Mr. Johnson's face. He immediately stopped charging at the officers and began to comply with the officer's orders to get on the ground. Mr. Johnson was taken into custody without further incident.

Mr. Johnson sustained effects from the OC spray. Paramedics arrived and treated Mr. Johnson prior to being transported to the Chandler City Court Holding Facility and booked. A body worn camera recorded the use of force. Photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Disorderly conduct
Interfering with the duties of a public official

Injuries:

Mr. Johnson sustained effects from the OC spray.