



Chandler Police Department – PSS Memo No. 23-003

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Subject: Use of Force Review, 1st Quarter Use of Force 2023

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 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, evaluate those applications for adherence to established policy, and 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 first quarter of 2023 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 emerged throughout the quarter, as well as the number and general nature of injuries sustained by personnel and suspects.

2023 First Quarter Review

The Chandler Police Department logged 2005 arrests during the first quarter of 2023, yielding a total of twenty (20) incidents resulting in a use of force by Chandler Police Officers to effect an arrest or detain a subject under reasonable suspicion or probable cause.

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

The following tables document the twenty (20) incidents reviewed by the board for the months of January, February, and March of 2023. 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-four (44) distinct applications of force. This report will deliver the summaries of the twenty (20) 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 First Quarter 2023

Force Used	Applications	Additional Details
Low Level Force	11	Take downs, pressure points, Hard hands, bolo wrap, etc.
Intermediate Force	33	K9 bite, fist strikes, knee strikes, kicks, less lethal, CEW, impact push, etc.
Total	44	

Total Force Used First Quarter 2023

Total Arrests	Force Used	Percentage
2005	20	1.0%

Use of Force Demographics by Race/Gender/Age

Number	Race	Gender	Age Range	Average Age	%
3	White	Male	24-52	36	15%
3	Black	Male	25-36	31	15%
10	Hispanic	Male	31-45	36	50%
4	Native American	Male	28-38	32	20%

(20 total subjects in use of force incidents)

Policy Violations/Reviews

In the first quarter of 2023 there were no use of force incidents referred to Internal Affairs.

Training Issues

In the first quarter of 2023 there was one training issue identified by the Use of Force Board. This consisted of an officer believing he had activated his body worn camera when he had not.

Injuries

In the first quarter of 2023, nine (9) 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.

Sixteen (16) suspects were injured or complained of injury during the use of force incidents. Most of these injuries were minor in nature, consisting of lacerations, abrasions, contusions, complaints of pain, and CEW puncture wounds.

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

Total Injuries When Force Used First Quarter 2023

Suspects/Detainees	Officers	Total
16	9	25

Emotionally Disturbed/Impaired

Sixteen (16) subjects involved in use of force incidents were found to be emotionally disturbed, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or a combination of impairments.

Conclusion

The reported types of use of force incidents during the first quarter of 2023 indicate officers used the appropriate level of force to effect the arrest of suspects. This illustrates that the use of force policy, defensive tactics training, board reviews, and overall departmental philosophy are aligned with established case law, statutory regulations, and the principles of community-oriented policing.

The following pages are the summaries that were presented to the Use of Force Board for the first quarter of 2023.

Incident Review Summaries
Summary 1

Date of Occurrence: 01/01/2023
Time of Occurrence: 1532
Incident Report: 23-000238
Personnel Involved: Officer Anand Kararia #850
Force Used: Bola Wrap
Subject Actions: Threatened police, was in mental crisis
Summary:

On January 1st, 2023, at 1532 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to the Chandler Heights Police Substation located at 4040 E. Chandler Heights Road in Chandler reference a person having a mental health crisis. According to the caller his son suffered from Bipolar Disorder, Depression, anxiety, and was wanting to turn into a "monster". The caller requested assistance to transport his adult son, Jordan Drew, to a mental health facility.

When officers contacted Mr. Drew, the decision was made to take him into custody and transport him to a mental health facility. As they spoke to Mr. Drew, he appeared to prepare to fight. Officer Kararia deployed his Bola Wrap less lethal system, which initially wrapped its cables around his torso. Mr. Drew was able to break free from the restraints as officers approached him. Mr. Drew resisted and punched an officer in the face before eventually being taken to the ground and handcuffed.

Mr. Drew sustained a laceration to his hand. Paramedics arrived and had to sedate him for treatment and transportation to a local hospital. Officer Rojas sustained a laceration to his finger. Photos were taken of the incident and a body worn camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Mental health evaluation (no charges)

Injuries:

Mr. Drew sustained a laceration to his hand.

Officer Rojas sustained a laceration to his finger.

Summary 2

Date of Occurrence: 01/04/2023

Time of Occurrence: 1104

Incident Report: 22-500427

Personnel Involved: Detective RJ Rodgers #552

Force Used: Sage X2

Subject Actions: Rammed police vehicles after his vehicle was blocked in for arrest

Summary:

On January 4th, 2023, at 1100 hours, Chandler Police Detectives and members of other agencies were conducting a surveillance operation to take Theodore Easterling into custody for drug trafficking. Mr. Easterling has an extensive criminal background involving violent felony convictions, had an active warrant, and was wanted for an active domestic violence investigation by Chandler Police. Mr. Easterling was observed arriving at a parking lot near McClintock Road and Ray Road in Chandler.

Once Mr. Easterling parked his car, several detectives activated their emergency lights on their undercover vehicles and drove towards him. They pinned their police cars against his to prevent him from escaping. Mr. Easterling unsuccessfully made several attempts to push the police vehicles out of the way with his car to escape. He was given commands to stop and surrender, but Mr. Easterling did not comply. Detective Rodgers deployed his Sage Gun, firing one round through the open passenger window and striking Mr. Easterling in the thigh and crotch area. Mr. Easterling began to comply, put his car in park, and eventually exited his vehicle. Once out of the vehicle, he was given commands to get on his knees. Although he initially complied, he got back up and refused commands to stay down. It appeared he was attempting to find an escape route. Detective Rodgers deployed another sage round striking Mr. Easterling in the thigh while a member from another agency deployed his CEW. Mr. Easterling became compliant again and was taken into custody.

Mr. Easterling sustained contusions to his thigh and inner thigh/crotch area. He also sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployed by outside agency personnel. He was treated by paramedics prior to being transported to the Maricopa County Intake Transfer and Release. Photos were taken of the incident and a body worn camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer (4 counts)

Transportation of dangerous drugs

Conspiracy

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Use of an electronic device in a drug related offense

Injuries:

Mr. Easterling sustained contusions to his thigh and inner thigh/crotch area.

Summary 3

Date of Occurrence: 01/05/2023

Time of Occurrence: 1933

Incident Report: 23-001972

Personnel Involved: Officer Tyler Ambrosia #810

Force Used: CEW X2

Subject Actions: Shoplifting, refused commands, approached officer with fists raised

Summary:

On January 5th, 2023, at 1933 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to the area of Arizona Avenue and Queen Creek Road in Chandler reference an aggressive male walking in and out of traffic and throwing items into the roadway. The same male had committed a shoplift at a local store in the area.

Officer Ambrosia located the male, later identified as James Notah, who had just fled from another officer. Officer Ambrosia activated his patrol car's emergency lights and positioned his vehicle near Mr. Notah. Mr. Notah turned towards the officer and raised his fists.

Officer Ambrosia exited his vehicle and drew his CEW as he ordered the male to stop. Mr. Notah refused to stop walking towards him as the officer gave warnings about using his CEW. Officer Ambrosia deployed his CEW as Mr. Notah turned his body. Believing the CEW did not take effect, the officer deployed a second CEW. Mr. Notah fell to the ground and with the help of arriving officers was taken into custody.

Mr. Notah sustained a laceration to his wrist from a medical band he was wearing. He also sustained puncture wounds from the CEW probes. Paramedics arrived and treated him prior to being transported and booked into the Maricopa County Intake, Transfer, and Release facility in Phoenix. Officer Land sustained a sore wrist. Photos were taken of the incident and a body worn camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer

Obstructing a public highway

Shoplifting

Injuries:

Mr. Notah sustained a laceration to his wrist from a medical band he was wearing. He also sustained puncture wounds from the CEW probes.

Officer Land sustained a sore wrist.

Summary 4

Date of Occurrence: 01/09/2023

Time of Occurrence: 0955

Incident Report: 23-003397

Personnel Involved: Detention Officer Joel Lahaie

Force Used: CEW X4

Subject Actions: Assaulted detention officer and police officer while in holding facility

Summary:

On January 9th, 2023, at 0955 hours, Chandler Detention Officer LaHaie was on duty at the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility in Gilbert. He was in the process of transferring a defendant, Roman Wilson, from the phone room to a cell.

Mr. Roman, who was not in handcuffs or restraints, began to resist as he was being escorted from the phone room by pulling away, pushing at officers, and attempting to break free. As additional detention officers and police officers assisted, Mr. Roman was taken to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Roman kicked an officer in the face and continued to kick, twist his body, and prevented officers from detaining him. Detention Officer Lahaie deployed his CEW twice with probe deployments with negative effect. He then conducted a drive stun with his CEW to Mr. Roman's chest with no effect. Mr. Roman continued to resist as he was turned over onto his stomach. Detention Officer Lahaie delivered a drive stun with his CEW to Mr. Roman's left thigh. After the drive stun CEW deployment, Mr. Roman was placed in handcuffs and leg chains. The CEW probes were removed, and he was placed in a cell.

Mr. Roman sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployments. Medical aid was provided. Photos were taken of the incident and a security camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer (Gilbert Police report)

Injuries:

Mr. Roman sustained puncture wounds from the CEW deployments.

Summary 5

Date of Occurrence: 01/15/2023

Time of Occurrence: 0515

Incident Report: 23-005825

Personnel Involved: Officer Martin Orozco #818

Force Used: Sage X1 (no contact)

Subject Actions: Failed to yield to officer during traffic stop attempt, refused commands to exit car

Summary:

On January 15th, 2023, at 0515 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to 2228 N. Illinois Street in Chandler reference a domestic disturbance. The caller reported her ex-husband, Lon McLendon, had broken into her home and assaulted her. Mr. McLendon had fled prior to police arrival in his vehicle. Arriving officers located the vehicle as it fled from the area and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. Mr. McLendon initially failed to yield to the officers, but eventually pulled over. He refused commands to get out of his vehicle as additional officers arrived.

Officer Orozco arrived with his less lethal SAGE Gun as Mr. McLendon exited his vehicle and stood near the open driver side door. He refused to obey several officers' commands to get on the ground as he gestured to get back in the vehicle. Officer Orozco gave him clear commands that he would deploy his SAGE Gun if he got back into the car. As Mr. McLendon started to get into the car, Officer Orozco deployed a single SAGE round, missing Mr. McLendon. Shortly after the deployment Mr. McLendon got on the ground and surrendered.

Mr. McLendon did not sustain any injuries. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility and booked. Photos were taken of the incident and a body worn camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Disorderly conduct DV
Interfering with an investigation
Unlawful flight from police
Failing to obey and officer

Injuries:

Mr. McLendon did not sustain any injuries.

Summary 6

Date of Occurrence: 01/16/2023
Time of Occurrence: 0700
Incident Report: 23-006227
Personnel Involved: Detention Supervisor Michael Fornicola
Force Used: Takedown
Subject Actions: Attempted to assault a detention officer

Summary:

On January 16th, 2023, at 0700 hours, Chandler Detention Supervisor Fornicola was on duty at the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility in Gilbert. He was made aware of a defendant, Scott Michelson, who had been showing signs of aggression and was in an agitated mental state. Mr. Michelson was awaiting transport to court for a disorderly conduct charge and a pending mental health committal order.

As several detention officers prepared to escort Mr. Michelson to a transportation vehicle, he began to show physical signs of passive aggressive behavior. He would abruptly start and stop walking and would have verbal outbursts. As they approached the vehicle, he visibly appeared to posture and stiffen his body and became verbally defiant. Several officers attempted to de-escalate him but were not successful. Mr. Michelson then turned and attempted to lunge at a detention officer that was nearby. Detention Supervisor Fornicola took Mr. Michelson to the ground, and he was returned to a holding cell.

Mr. Michelson sustained a laceration to his head. Paramedics responded and sedated him prior to transporting him to a local hospital for medical and a mental health evaluation. Photos were taken of the incident and a security camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Mental health evaluation

Injuries:

Mr. Michelson sustained a laceration to his head.

Summary 7

Date of Occurrence: 01/21/2023

Time of Occurrence: 0104

Incident Report: 23-008149

Personnel Involved: Sergeant Jeremy Nolan #S145, Sergeant Ruben Sanchez #S143

Force Used: CEW X2, ballistic shield used to pin body to ground

Subject Actions: Fled from officers during traffic stop, non-compliant with commands, possibly armed with a firearm

Summary:

On January 21st, 2023, at 0104 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a man with a gun at 2022 N. Nevada Street in Chandler. The caller reported an ex-boyfriend of her roommate, Marcellous Davis, was calling stating he was in the parking lot with a gun. As officers arrived the caller stated Mr. Davis was now making suicidal statements.

Officers arrived and contacted Mr. Davis while he was in his car. The officers were at a distance from the vehicle due to the allegation of a gun. After several minutes of attempting to get him out of the vehicle, Mr. Davis fled in his vehicle. Although in crisis, he was allowed to leave due to no crime being committed. He appeared a second time nearby where officers attempted a second time to convince him to allow officers to provide help, but he refused and fled a second time. As officers were with the caller, Mr. Davis appeared a third time. This time he was directly in front of the caller's apartment. Believing he was armed and now a threat to the caller and ex-girlfriend, officers on scene held Mr. Davis at gunpoint until other officers arrived. Mr. Davis refused numerous commands to get out of the car and fled in his car, pulling into a nearby parking spot. Mr. Davis got out of the vehicle and was ordered to get on the ground but refused. Sergeant Nolan deployed his CEW twice but there was no effect. Eventually Mr. Davis complied and got on the ground. Sergeant Sanchez, using a ballistic shield as protection, pinned him to the ground while other officers placed him in handcuffs and took him into custody.

Mr. Davis complained of leg pain. Paramedics responded and rendered aid. He was then transported to the Maricopa County Intake, Transfer, and Release for booking. Body worn cameras captured the use of force. Photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Disorderly conduct DV

Interfering with the duties of a public official

Injuries:

Mr. Davis complained of leg pain.

Summary 8

Date of Occurrence: 01/23/2023
Time of Occurrence: 1155
Incident Report: 23-009116
Personnel Involved: Sergeant David Uridge #S115
Force Used: Baton strikes X7
Subject Actions: Assaulted an officer

Summary:

On January 23rd, 2023, at 1155 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a threat call at a restaurant located at 2992 N. Alma School Road in Chandler. The caller reported a male was threatening and trying to fight employees and customers. The callers provided a description and a last direction of travel.

Officer Pavlue and Sergeant Uridge located the male, identified as Gabriel Cantu, walking nearby. When initial contact was made Mr. Cantu ran. Sergeant Uridge drove up and as he gave commands for him to stop, Mr. Cantu yelled profanities and raised his middle finger at the sergeant. Mr. Cantu turned towards the sergeant and walked towards him with his fists clenched. Sergeant Uridge exited his vehicle and displayed his expandable baton. He ordered Mr. Cantu to the ground. Mr. Cantu charged the sergeant and punched him in the face while Sergeant Uridge struck Mr. Cantu with his baton on his leg. Mr. Cantu again struck the sergeant in the face as he was struck with the baton. Mr. Cantu then grabbed the baton and attempted to take it from the sergeant. They struggled with the baton as the sergeant pushed Mr. Cantu to the ground. Officer Pavlue arrived and attempted to take control of Mr. Cantu's arm as he continued to fight the officers. Sergeant Uridge was able to regain control of the baton and delivered approximately 5 more strikes as Mr. Cantu attempted to punch and strike the sergeant. With the help of a citizen, Mr. Cantu was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Mr. Cantu sustained contusions to his legs. Paramedics responded but he refused treatment. He was transported to the Maricopa County Intake, Transfer, and Release for booking. Sergeant Uridge sustained redness to his face. Sergeant Uridge's body worn camera only captured a portion of the use of force before it became dislodged and fell to the ground. Officer Pavlue's body worn camera captured some of the use of force. Photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer
Resisting arrest

Injuries:

Mr. Cantu sustained contusions to his legs.

Sergeant Uridge sustained redness to his face.

Summary 9

Date of Occurrence: 01/25/2023

Time of Occurrence: 0006

Incident Report: 23-009750

Personnel Involved: Officer Jon Castlegrante #768

Force Used: Takedown

Subject Actions: Fled from officers during contact, non-compliant with commands

Summary:

On January 25th, 2023, at 0006 hours, Chandler Police Officer Castlegrante was on patrol around Jackson Street and Galveston Street. He was in full patrol uniform and in a fully marked patrol car. He conducted a traffic stop on a male riding a bicycle for a traffic violation. Upon contact the bicycle rider, Alvaro Chavez, was found to have several warrants for his arrest.

Officer Castlegrante advised Mr. Chavez of his warrants and was about to take him into custody when Mr. Chavez fled on foot. The officer caught up with Mr. Chavez and as he approached him, Mr. Chavez turned to face the officer in a fighting stance. Officer Castlegrante grabbed him by the torso and took him to the ground. While on the ground Mr. Chavez actively resisted getting arrested by grabbing the officer's arms and started to get up. Officer Castlegrante took him to the ground a second time and pinned him to the ground as Mr. Chavez tried to break free. Additional officers arrived and took Mr. Chavez into custody.

Mr. Chavez had abrasions to his face, torso, and legs. Paramedics responded but he refused medical aid. He was then transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility for booking. Officer Castlegrante sustained abrasions to his hands and knees. A Body worn camera captured the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Resisting arrest

Possession of dangerous drugs

Possession of narcotics

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Injuries:

Mr. Chavez had abrasions to his face, torso, and legs.

Officer Castlegrante sustained abrasions to his hands and knees.

Summary 10

Date of Occurrence: 02/03/2023

Time of Occurrence: 1227

Incident Report: 23-013881

Personnel Involved: Officer Jose Coronado #842

Force Used: CEW X2

Subject Actions: Fled from officers during contact, non-compliant with commands

Summary:

On February 3rd, 2023, at 1227 hours, Chandler Police Officers were on patrol near a storage facility located at 480 N. Arizona Avenue in Chandler when they observed Ruben Gonzales standing outside of the business at this address. They were familiar with Mr. Gonzales who had two active felony warrants. After confirming the warrants were valid, Officers Haro-Trujillo and Coronado contacted him.

As the officers attempted to contact Mr. Gonzales, he started to walk away. Both officers told Mr. Gonzales he had warrants for his arrest and he was not free to leave. As Officer Coronado reached out to grab his hand, Mr. Gonzales slapped his hand away, raised his own hands, and took an aggressive stance towards the officers. Both officers displayed their CEW's and ordered Mr. Gonzales to get on the ground. Mr. Gonzales fled on foot and began reaching into his waistband as Officer Coronado unsuccessfully deployed CEW probes. Mr. Gonzales ran towards a door at the storage facility and began to enter as Officer Coronado deployed a second set of CEW probes, missing a second time. Mr. Gonzales was able to go through the door and barricade himself inside. Several more officers responded, and a perimeter was set up. Eventually Mr. Gonzales exited the storage facility and surrendered without further incident.

Mr. Gonzales did not sustain any injuries. He was transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility for booking. A Body worn camera captured the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Warrants
Resisting arrest

Injuries:

Mr. Gonzales did not sustain any injuries.

Summary 11

Date of Occurrence: 02/04/2023

Time of Occurrence: 0241

Incident Report: 23-014198

Personnel Involved: Officer Dallin Bacon #835, Officer Julian Gomez #777, Officer Tyler Ambrosia #810, Officer Cody Triggs #856

Force Used: Takedown

Subject Actions: Non-compliant with commands during arrest

Summary:

On February 4th, 2023, at 0241 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a vehicle collision at the intersection of Arizona Avenue and Warner Road in Chandler. Upon their arrival and initial investigation, the driver of one of the vehicles, Sheldon Jackson, was found to be DUI.

As the officers attempted to place Mr. Jackson under arrest, he began to resist being handcuffed by pulling his arms into his chest and refusing commands. Several officers approached Mr. Jackson to place him under arrest but were not able to pull his arms away to place handcuffs on him. Officers Bacon, Gomez, Ambrosia and Triggs took Mr. Jackson to the ground. Once on the ground they were able to place him into handcuffs and arrest him. Once arrested, Mr. Jackson was placed in a sitting / recovery position. At this point Mr. Jackson spat blood from his mouth onto the ground but refused to state if he was injured.

Mr. Jackson spat blood from his mouth, but it was unclear how the injury occurred. Paramedics responded and transported him to a local hospital where he was admitted for treatment. Body worn cameras captured the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated DUI (Long form)

Resisting arrest

Injuries:

Mr. Jackson spat blood from his mouth, but it was unclear how the injury occurred.

Summary 12

Date of Occurrence: 03/04/2023

Time of Occurrence: 2148

Incident Report: 23-026327

Personnel Involved: Officer Jay Clark #852, Officer Cody Triggs #856

Force Used: Takedown

Subject Actions: Non-compliant with commands

Summary:

On March 4th, 2023, at 2148 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to 291 S. Oregon Street in Chandler to serve a mental health petition order on Martin Soto. Upon their arrival they contacted Mr. Soto, explained the order to him, and placed him in handcuffs.

As the officers escorted him to a patrol car and attempted to place him into the back seat, Mr. Soto refused. The officers attempted to explain the mental health petition order several times to no avail. Mr. Soto began to get increasingly upset about being taken to a mental health facility and began to physically resist being placed in the patrol car. He pulled away from the officers and would twist and turn his body, to break free from the officers' hold. During the struggle Officer Clark's body worn camera detached from its mount and fell to the ground. Mr. Soto then kicked Officer Clark in the leg. Officer Clark and Officer Triggs took Mr. Soto to the ground and kept him there until additional officers arrived to assist. Once additional officers arrived, Mr. Soto was picked up off the ground and placed into the patrol car.

Mr. Soto sustained abrasions to his knees. Paramedics responded and treated him. He was transported to a local mental health facility. Body worn cameras captured the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

No charges

Injuries:

Mr. Soto sustained abrasions to his knees.

Summary 13

Date of Occurrence: 03/09/2023

Time of Occurrence: 1510

Incident Report: 23-028330

Personnel Involved: Officer Cody McKenna #695, Officer Chase Bebak-Miller #731,
Sergeant Zack Bansner #S141

Force Used: Fist strike, CEW X2, arm lock, takedown, pressure points

Subject Actions: Non-compliant with commands, active aggression towards officers

Summary:

On March 9th, 2023, at 1508 hours, Chandler Police Bike Officers were on patrol around Fairview Street and California Street when they observed a male riding a bike towards them. Once the rider saw them, he changed direction and entered a fenced apartment complex at 298 W. Fairview Street in Chandler. The apartment complex has several no trespassing signs on their fencing. Believing the rider, later identified as Ruben Gonzales, had just trespassed, they made efforts to locate him.

The officers were able to locate and contact Mr. Gonzales in the alley to the rear of the complex. He was asked if he lived in the complex and replied he did not. Officer McKenna told him he had trespassed the complex and there were numerous no trespass signs that he violated when he entered. As the officers spoke with him, Mr. Gonzales appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. As Officer McKenna conducted a search of Mr. Gonzales' person following the trespass, he located drug paraphernalia and narcotics in Mr. Gonzales' pockets. As Officer McKenna attempted to place him in handcuffs Mr. Gonzales spun around and attempted to flee. Officer McKenna attempted to grab Mr. Gonzales who in turn grabbed Officer McKenna by his outer vest carrier. Officer McKenna and Officer Bebak-Miller took him to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Gonzales continued to grab and pull Officer McKenna's vest near his throat, as Officer Bebak-Miller applied pressure to Mr. Gonzales' mandibular angle and Sergeant Bansner grabbed him by the right wrist and elbow and applied pressure. Officer McKenna delivered a single fist strike to Mr. Gonzales' face, but he continued to resist and attempted to kick the officer. Officer McKenna withdrew his CEW and delivered a drive stun to his abdomen. Mr. Gonzales grabbed the CEW and attempted to take it away from the officer. Officer McKenna was able to pry Mr. Gonzales' fingers from the CEW and applied a second drive stun, this time to his hip. Mr. Gonzales continued to resist and turned over onto his stomach, preventing the officers from handcuffing him. Eventually the officers were able to place handcuffs on Mr. Gonzales and place him under arrest.

Mr. Gonzales sustained a contusion to his face and pain to his shoulder. Paramedics responded and transported him to a local hospital for evaluation. He was then released and transported to the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility where he was booked.

Officer McKenna sustained abrasions to his right hand, both elbows and both knees. Body worn cameras captured the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Criminal trespassing

Possession of narcotics

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Aggravated assault on an officer

Injuries:

Mr. Gonzales sustained a contusion to his face and pain to his shoulder.

Officer McKenna sustained abrasions to his right hand, both elbows and both knees.

Summary 14

Date of Occurrence: 03/15/2023

Time of Occurrence: 0005

Incident Report: 23-30620

Personnel Involved: Officer Ron Emary #212

Force Used: K9 Bite

Subject Actions: Non-compliant with commands, active aggression towards officers

Summary:

On March 14th, 2023, at 2327 hours, Chandler Police K9 Officer Emary was on duty and on patrol when Chandler Officers located a stolen vehicle that was fleeing from them. After the vehicle was disabled with stop sticks, the driver abandoned the vehicle at the intersection of SR587 and McDonald Road and fled on foot. A perimeter was set with the help of the Gila River Indian Reservation Police and K9 Officer Emary responded to assist.

On March 15th, 2023, at 0005 hours Officer Emary and his K9 Cowboy tracked and located the suspect, later identified as Jorge Morris, hiding under a truck in the back yard of 11160 E. McDonald Road. Officer Emary gave Mr. Morris commands to come out from underneath the truck. Initially Mr. Morris complied. When he was ordered to lay on the ground to be taken into custody, he refused stating he was not going back to jail. He was warned several times that he would be bit if he did not comply, but Mr. Morris refused. Chandler Police Officer Swanson, who was additionally armed with his patrol rifle, went in to take Mr. Morris into custody. Upon contact, Mr. Morris resisted being taken into custody, broke free from the officer, and started to flee. Officer Emary released K9 Cowboy who quickly caught up with Mr. Morris and bit him on the left arm. Officer Emary ordered Cowboy to release, and Mr. Morris was taken into custody. A tourniquet was applied onto Mr. Morris' arm to stop the bleeding from the bite until paramedics arrived.

Mr. Morris sustained a bite to his left arm. Paramedics responded and transported him to a local hospital for treatment. He was then released and taken into custody by the Gila River Police Department. Officer Emary believed he had activated his body worn camera, but he had not. Officer Swanson's body worn camera captured the use of force. Photos were taken of the incident and injury.

Charges on suspect:

Warrants

Theft of means of transportation

Injuries:

Mr. Morris sustained a bite to his left arm.

Summary 15

Date of Occurrence: 03/15/2023

Time of Occurrence: 0318

Incident Report: 23-30657

Personnel Involved: Officer TJ Amparan #675, Officer Matthew Lerma #867

Force Used: Takedown, fist strike

Subject Actions: Non-compliant with commands, assaulted officer

Summary:

On March 15th, 2023, at 0318 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a domestic disturbance at 875 E. Flint Street in Chandler. According to the caller, she and her friend were in the backyard of this location and being prevented from leaving. She also stated she had been assaulted by her male friend who lives at this address, identified as Victor Pasqual-Calixto.

Officer Amparan and other officers arrived at the address. Officer Amparan contacted the caller on the phone and located the two women in the secured backyard, inside of her car. With the help of the officers, the two women hopped the fence and got out of the property. Officers Amparan and Lerma then jumped the fence into the backyard and contacted Mr. Pasqual-Calixto. The officers ordered him to come out numerous times, but Mr. Pasqual-Calixto refused, telling the officers to come into his trailer. After this exchange went back and forth, Mr. Pasqual-Calixto yelled at the officers and came out of his trailer. He then charged Officer Lerma in an aggressive manner and scratched his face. Officer Lerma grabbed him by the torso and took Mr. Pasqual-Calixto to the ground. Officer Amparan assisted as he continued to actively resist by tensing his body and pulling his arms away, preventing the officers from handcuffing him. Officer Amparan delivered a single fist strike to Mr. Pasqual-Calixto's torso to gain compliance. Once additional officers arrived Mr. Pasqual-Calixto was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Mr. Pasqual-Calixto sustained a laceration to his back. Paramedics responded and transported him to a local hospital for treatment. He was subsequently released and transported to the Chandler Gilbert Unified Holding Facility and booked. Officer Lerma sustained abrasions to his face. Officer Amparan sustained a sore wrist. Body worn cameras captured the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer

Assault

Disorderly conduct

Injuries:

Mr. Pasqual-Calixto sustained a laceration to his back.

Officer Lerma sustained abrasions to his face.

Officer Amparan sustained a sore wrist.

Summary 16

Date of Occurrence: 03/18/2023

Time of Occurrence: 2243

Incident Report: 23-032145

Personnel Involved: Officer Stephen Barnes #797, Officer Zach Henderson #862

Force Used: Impact push, Takedown

Subject Actions: Attempted to flee from officers

Summary:

On March 18th, 2023, at 2243 hours, Chandler Police Officers contacted a male just outside a business located at 4949 W. Ray Road in Chandler. During the contact it was determined the male, identified as Daniel Huerta, had active warrants for his arrest.

Once the warrants were confirmed, Officers Henderson and Barnes advised him he was under arrest and approached to take him into custody. Mr. Huerta attempted to flee on foot. Officer Barnes was able to conduct an impact push on him, causing Mr. Huerta to slow down. Officer Henderson was able to catch up with him and take him to the ground. Once on the ground Mr. Huerta resisted being arrested by tensing his body and arms, preventing the officers from handcuffing him. Several more officers arrived and restrained Mr. Huerta's movements enabling the officers to take him into custody.

Mr. Huerta complained of not being able to breathe during the arrest and sustained a laceration to his nose. Paramedics responded and transported him to a local hospital for treatment. He was subsequently released and transported to the Chandler Gilbert Unified Holding Facility and booked. Officer Henderson sustained abrasions to his elbow. Body worn cameras captured the use of force and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Warrants

Possession of narcotics

Possession of drug paraphernalia

Injuries:

Mr. Huerta complained of not being able to breathe during the arrest and sustained a laceration to his nose.

Officer Henderson sustained abrasions to his elbow.

Summary 17

Date of Occurrence: 03/20/2023
Time of Occurrence: 1532
Incident Report: 23-032852
Personnel Involved: Officer Eddie Cuthbertson #291
Force Used: Fist strikes
Subject Actions: Assaulted officer
Summary:

On March 20th, 2023, at 1532 hours, Chandler Police Officers were investigating a DUI related collision at the intersection of Alma School Road and Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. The suspect of a hit and run, Hector Ramos, was transported to a local hospital due to his injuries and level of intoxication.

Officer Cuthbertson responded to the hospital to conduct a DUI investigation. He contacted Mr. Ramos, whose right hand was handcuffed to a hospital bed. Mr. Ramos was belligerent and aggressive towards hospital staff and the officers who were present. Mr. Ramos then took a swing at Officer Cuthbertson, striking his forearm. Officer Cuthbertson responded by delivering two closed fist strikes to Mr. Ramos' head. He then pinned Mr. Ramos' left arm until other officers and staff secured his left wrist to the hospital bed.

Mr. Ramos did not have any visible injuries or complain of injury. He was later released and booked into the Maricopa County Jail. Officer Cuthbertson did not sustain any injuries. Officer Cuthbertson did not have his body worn camera on his person as it was downloading previous videos and images at the police station. Another officer's body worn camera captured the use of force.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer

Aggravated DUI

Injuries:

Mr. Ramos did not have any visible injuries or complain of injury.

Summary 18

Date of Occurrence: 03/24/2023
Time of Occurrence: 0832
Incident Report: 23-034299
Personnel Involved: Sergeant Zackary Bansner #S141
Force Used: Impact push, takedown
Subject Actions: Fled from officer and assaulted officer
Summary:

On March 24th, 2023, at 0832 hours, Chandler Police Sergeant Bansner was on patrol and on duty when he observed a vehicle exceeding the speed limit. This was confirmed by a laser speed device. As Sergeant Bansner turned his lights and sirens on to initiate a traffic stop, the vehicle did not immediately pull over, but eventually arrived at the residence located at 101 W. Galveston Street.

After stopping the car at this residence, the driver (Later identified as Marcus Davis) got out of the vehicle and ran towards the house. He yelled "baby, they're going to take me away!" as he ran into the home. Sergeant Bansner contacted a woman who came out of the home and explained what was going on. As he spoke to the woman, dispatch advised a call had come in advising a male had just jumped into the backyard of the home next to this location. Sergeant Bansner went to the alley and found Mr. Davis in the alley. When he told Mr. Davis he was under arrest and not free to leave, Mr. Davis ran towards the officer to get away. As Sergeant Bansner reached out to take Mr. Davis into custody, he struck the officer in the face. Sergeant Bansner was able to impact push Mr. Davis just enough to slow him down. Sergeant Bansner then grabbed Mr. Davis by his torso and took him to the ground. With the help of other officers that had arrived he was taken into custody.

Mr. Davis had abrasions to his elbow. He was treated by paramedics and booked into the Maricopa County Jail. Sergeant Bansner sustained abrasions to his hands, elbow, and knees. Officer Coronado, who had arrived to assist, sustained abrasions to his hand. Body worn cameras captured the use of force, and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Aggravated assault on an officer

Resisting arrest

Trespassing

Injuries:

Mr. Davis had abrasions to his elbow.

Sergeant Bansner sustained abrasions to his hands, elbow, and knees.

Officer Coronado sustained abrasions to his hand.

Summary 19

Date of Occurrence: 03/29/2023
Time of Occurrence: 1809
Incident Report: 23-036460
Personnel Involved: Officer Mitch Mielke #687
Force Used: Takedown
Subject Actions: Resisting arrest, refusing police commands
Summary:

On March 29th, 2023, at 1809 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of an uncooperative shoplifter at 1155 W. Chandler Boulevard in Chandler. A description of the suspect and last known direction of travel was provided.

Officer Mielke located the suspect as he walked eastbound across Alma School Road near 955 W. Chandler Boulevard. He turned on the emergency lights on his patrol car, exited, and instructed the suspect to sit on the curb. The male, later identified as Jonathan Rudman, appeared agitated as he refused the officer's commands and made unintelligible statements. Officer Mielke approached Mr. Rudman and attempted to detain him but he pulled away and his body got tense. He continued to resist all the officer's verbal and physical attempts to detain him. Officer Mielke pushed Mr. Rudman into his patrol car and as they continued to struggle Officer Mielke was able to take him to the ground. As Mr. Rudman continued to resist being handcuffed, two citizens arrived and helped control him until Sergeant Bruggeman arrived and he was taken into custody.

Mr. Rudman had abrasions to his knee and neck and was bleeding from his hand. He was treated by paramedics and booked into the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility. A Body worn camera captured the use of force, and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Fraud schemes

Shoplifting

Resisting arrest

Injuries:

Mr. Rudman had abrasions to his knee and neck and was bleeding from his hand.

Summary 20

Date of Occurrence: 03/30/2023
Time of Occurrence: 1357
Incident Report: 23-036743
Personnel Involved: Officer Matthew Figley #498
Force Used: Knee strikes
Subject Actions: Resisting arrest, refusing police commands
Summary:

On March 30th, 2023, at 1357 hours, Chandler Police Officers responded to a call of a domestic disturbance at 2022 N. Nevada Street in Chandler. The caller reported a male was chasing a female around a vehicle, assaulted her, and then went into an apartment.

Officers made contact at the apartment and contacted a female who acknowledged what had happened, adding she had scratched her husband's face during the altercation. When the officers contacted the husband in the bedroom, he refused to give his name and stated that his wife had not scratched him in the face, he had done it to himself. When he was told that if he did not provide his name he would be arrested, he refused. When the officers attempted to arrest him, the male resisted by tensing his arms and body. The officers took the male to the ground as they continued to attempt to arrest him. During the struggle, Officer Figley delivered three knee strikes to the male's thigh to gain compliance. The male was handcuffed and taken into custody shortly after the knee strikes.

The male was identified as Derek Begay. Mr. Begay did not complain of injury or have any visible injuries other than those sustained during the domestic violence. He was booked into the Gilbert Chandler Unified Holding Facility. A body worn camera captured the use of force, and photos were taken of the incident.

Charges on suspect:

Warrant

Obstruction

Disorderly conduct

Injuries:

Mr. Begay did not complain of injury or have any visible injuries other than those sustained during the domestic violence.