



Use-of-Force Annual Review 2021

Out of the 1,590 arrests made by Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputies in 2021, there were 20 incidents in which force was used to effect an arrest.

Use-of-force incidents represented 1.3-percent of total arrests in 2021.

Altogether, 30 deputies were involved. Of the 20 documented incidents, 10 involved more than one Sheriff's Deputy. Two (2) deputies were involved in two (2) incidents.

Of the 20 incidents:

- Three (3) involved a mental subject
- Three (3) involved a juvenile outside of school hours
- Nine (9) reports stated no injuries to defendant
- Five (5) reports stated minor injuries to defendant to include but not limited to scrapes, bruises, lacerations etc. due to resisting arrest

All 20 incidents were found to be in compliance with the Sheriff's Office standard operating procedures for use of force.

THE DEFENDANTS

- all 20 individuals were male -

RACE

- African-American: 16
- White: 2
- Hispanic: 2

AGE

- Under 18: 3
- 18-30: 7
- 31-40: 6
- 41-50: 3
- Older than 50: 1

TECHNIQUES USED

- Takedown: 11
- Taser: 10
- Soft empty hands: 10
- Hard empty hands: 2
- Restraint: 1
- OC Spray: 1

CRIMINAL CHARGES

The 20 incidents resulted in a total of 40 charges against defendants.

- **Six (6) charges of Resisting Arrest**
- **Four (4) charges of the following:**
 - Assault & Battery
 - Assault and Battery 3rd
 - Fleeing to Evade
- **Three (3) charges of Trespassing**
- **Two (2) charges of the following:**
 - Burglary 2nd
 - Unlawful Carry
 - Simple Possession of Marijuana
- **Two (2) no charges**
- **One (1) charge of the following:**
 - Breaking and Entering Auto
 - Assault and Battery 2nd
 - Throwing Bodily Fluids
 - Incurrigible Child
 - Threat to Public Official
 - Assault on a Police Officer
 - Driving Under Suspension 3rd
 - Malicious Injury to Personal Property
 - Resisting Arrest with Officer Injury
 - Domestic Violence 1st
 - Public Disorderly Conduct
 - Leaving the Scene
 - Shoplifting
 - Unknown