



## Use-of-Force Annual Review 2025

Of the arrests made by Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputies in 2025, there were 21 incidents in which force was used to effect an arrest.

Altogether, 38 deputies were involved. Of the 21 documented incidents, 19 involved more than one deputy. Nine (9) deputies were involved in two or more incidents.

Of the 21 incidents:

- Zero (0) involved a juvenile of which zero (0) were during school hours
- Seven (7) reports stated no injuries to the defendant or deputy involved
- 11 reports stated minor injuries to the defendant to include but not limited to scrapes, bruises, lacerations, etc. due to resisting arrest
- Four (4) reports stated a deputy(s) were injured due to the defendant resisting arrests

All 21 incidents were found to be in compliance with the Sheriff's Office standard operating procedures for use of force.

### THE DEFENDANTS

#### RACE/SEX

- **Black Male: 11**
- **White Male: 7**
- **Other Male: 2**
- **N/A: 1**

#### AGE

- **Under 18: 0**
- **18-30: 4**
- **31-40: 8**
- **41-50: 5**
- **Older than 50: 3**
- **Unknown: 1**

## **TECHNIQUES USED**

There were 16 incidents where a combination of techniques was utilized. A review of the incidents shows that each of the incidents started with minimum force and escalated under the Use of Force Continuum until compliance with lawful orders was achieved. The review also revealed that in nearly every one of these incidents, the initial technique was ineffective.

- **Takedown:** 15
- **Knee Strike:** 10
- **Drive Stun:** 11
- **Soft Empty Hands:** 6
- **Palm Heel Strike:** 1
- **Taser:** 6
- **Pressure Point Technique:** 1
- **Cross Face Technique:** 1
- **Leg Strikes:** 1
- **Hard Empty Hands:** 1

## **CRIMINAL CHARGES**

Of the 21 incidents, four (4) incidents resulted in a single charge, 13 incidents resulted in multiple charges, two (2) incidents had no charges listed, two (2) incidents were assisting other agencies, and zero (0) incident involved an animal. Out of all 21 incidents, zero (0) involved a mental subject.

- **Resisting Arrest:** 10
- **Arrest Warrant:** 5
- **Simple Possession of Marijuana:** 3
- **Trespassing:** 2
- **Assisting Other Agency:** 2
- **Public Disorderly Conduct:** 2
- **Fleeing to Evade:** 2
- **Assault & Battery, 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 2
- **Domestic Violence, 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 2
- **No Charges:** 2
- **Driving Under Suspension:** 1
- **Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana:** 1
- **Failure to Stop for Blue Lights:** 1
- **Malicious Injury to Property:** 1
- **Possession of a Weapon:** 1
- **Possession of Cocaine, 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1
- **Driving Under Suspension, 2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1
- **Driving Under Suspension, 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 1
- **Obstruction:** 1
- **Unlawful Conduct Towards a Child:** 1
- **Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine:** 1
- **General Sessions Bench Warrant:** 1
- **Threatening Life of an Law Enforcement Officer:** 1
- **Pointing & Presenting:** 1