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## **Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents for 2021**

Between January 1st, 2021 and December 31, 2021, Highland Police Officers answered a total of 21,681 calls for service.

Over the course of that time officers used force on 2 individuals.

Of the two individuals:

- One subject was Black
- One subject was white
- Both subjects reside in the Borough of Highland Park

Origins of Police Contact:

- Neither of these incidents originated from a traffic stop conducted by our officers
- Both of these incidents occurred while officers were attempting to make an arrest and/or conducting an investigation that resulted in criminal charges being filed

In regards to the types of force used:

- During two occasions, an officer used Physical Force\* in the form of a takedown\*\*
- During one occasion, one officer used their arms to detain subject

During these two incidents:

- One resulted in a minor injury to the subject (a scrape) who subsequently refused any medical attention
- One officer was injured

The use of force is never a routine matter and the Highland Park Police Department takes each of these incidents very seriously.

Each use of force incident is reviewed by Police Administration.

\* Per NJ AG Guidelines Definition - Physical force involves contact with a subject beyond that which is generally utilized to effect an arrest or other law enforcement objective. It is the lowest form of force that is required to be documented. Physical force is employed when necessary to overcome a subject's physical resistance to the exertion of the law enforcement officer's authority, or to protect persons or property from harm. Examples include wrestling a resisting subject to the ground, using wrist or arm locks to facilitate handcuffing, or other similar methods.

\*\* A takedown is a technique used to off-balance a subject and guide them to the ground.