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Highland Park Police Department Use of Force Incidents
October 1st – December 31st 2022

Between October 1st and December 31st, 2022, Highland Park Police Officers answered a total of 6,442 calls for service. Over the course of that time, officers used force on four individuals.

Regarding the four individuals:

- One individual was a Black juvenile male
- One individual was a white juvenile male
- Two individuals were adult Black males
- Three of the individuals reside within the Borough of Highland Park

Of those four incidents:

- Two individuals exhibited mental health issues
- All four of these incidents occurred while officers attempted to make an arrest and/or conduct an investigation that resulted in criminal charges being filed

In regards to the force used:

- On four occasions, officers used Physical Force by using a takedown to detain the subject
- Individual resisted arrest/officer control and/or attempted to escape from custody

Origins of initial police contact:

- All incidents were initiated by calls from the public at large requesting the police department to respond
- None of these incidents originated from traffic stops

During these four events:

- No individuals who were arrested were injured
- One officer sustained moderate injuries which resulted in the officer being placed on injury leave

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

*   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. 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. Examples include wrestling a resisting subject to the ground (known as a takedown), using wrist or arm locks, or other similar methods.