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Nov. 22, 2023

Samuel Sinyangwe
Requested through Muckrock

Sir,

By request dated Nov. 21, 2023, you have requested copies of certain documents pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act (hereinafter, "PIA"), Md. Ann. Code, State Govt. Art., GP § 4-101 through § 4-601 et seq.

- Eight questions tied to use of force incidents, civilian complaints, and officer involved shootings. The attached document shows these questions.

Please find the answers to those questions below.

1. 112 Use of Force incidents (law enforcement only)
2. Hands/feet techniques 99
Baton 1 (control hold only/no strikes)
Hobble restraint 7
Stop Sticks 6
Firearms: Display only 236 / Discharged 5
Taser: Display only 21 / Discharged 8
OC: Display only 2 / Discharged 5
Impact Munitions: Display only 6 / Discharged 1
K9: Display only 7 / Deployed 0
3. 19 civilian complaints against law enforcement/1 sustained
4. 0 civilian complaints against law enforcement with excessive force
5. 1 civilian complaint alleging biased policing or racial profiling
6. 1 civilian complaint alleging criminal conduct
7. 3 officer involved shootings, 1 fatal and 2 non-fatal
8. 165 people were listed as having either force used on them or were subject to display of lethal or less lethal weapons.
 - a. Black 54

- b. Hispanic/Latino 12
- c. Unknown 1
- d. White 98

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 301-600-3653 between the hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,



Todd Wivell
Public Information Officer
Frederick County Sheriff's Office

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November 21, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

1. the total number of use of force incidents in 2022. Please include as part of this a breakdown of how many use of force incidents in 2022 were related to law enforcement operations and how many were related to correctional/custodial operations.
2. the total number of use of force incidents, separated by type of force, in 2022 (for example, information that specifies the number of taser incidents in 2022, baton incidents in 2022, etc.)
3. the total number of civilian complaints against law enforcement that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
4. the total number of civilian complaints alleging law enforcement use of excessive force that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
5. the total number of civilian complaints alleging biased policing or racial profiling that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
6. the total number of civilian complaints alleging criminal conduct that were reported and the total number sustained for 2022.
7. the total number of officer-involved shootings in 2022, both fatal and non-fatal.
8. the total number of people who the sheriff's department used force against, broken down by race/ethnicity, in 2022.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Samuel Sinyangwe

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