



Use-of-Force Annual Review 2020

Out of the **2,185 arrests** made by Beaufort County Sheriff's Office deputies in 2020, there were **11 incidents** in which force was used to effect an arrest.

Use-of-force incidents represented **.5 percent** of total arrests in 2020.

Altogether, **22 deputies** were involved.

These incidents included:

- 11 individuals

All 11 incidents were found to be in compliance with the Sheriff's Office standard operating procedures for use of force.

THE DEFENDANTS

All 11 individuals were male

RACE

- African-American: 7
- White: 3
- Hispanic: 1

AGE

- 18-30: 2
- 31-40: 5
- 41-50: 3
- Older than 50: 1

TECHNIQUES USED

- **Takedown:** 7
- **Taser:** 4
- **Hard empty hands:** 3
- **Straight arm bar:** 3
- **Soft empty hands:** 2
- **Restraint:** 1
- **Knee strike:** 1

CRIMINAL CHARGES

Deputies filed 23 criminal charges in the 11 incidents.

- **4 charges of Assault and Battery 3rd Degree**
- **3 charges each of Resisting Arrest and Fleeing to Evade**
- **1 charge of each of the following:**
 - Felon in Possession of a Weapon
 - Driving Under the Influence
 - Habitual Offender
 - Driving Under Suspension 3rd Offense
 - Public Disorderly Conduct
 - Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine
 - Failure to Stop for Blue Lights
 - Driving Under Suspension
 - Leaving the Scene
 - Domestic Violence 3rd Degree
 - Throwing of Bodily Fluids
 - Domestic Violence 2nd Degree
 - Malicious Injury to Property