

Use of Force Incidents Resulting in a Monetary Settlement 2025 Report

Public Safety Article, Section 3-528(d)

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

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The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, Esq.
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RE: Public Safety Article § 3-528(d) (MSAR #15681)

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Peña-Melnyk:

As required by § 3-528(d) of the Public Safety Article, please find an enclosed copy of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy's report, titled *Use of Force Incidents Resulting in a Monetary Settlement 2025 Report*. This report includes information from law enforcement agencies regarding each use of force incident for calendar year 2025 that resulted in a monetary settlement or judgment against the law enforcement agency.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

As required, five color copies will be sent to the Department of Legislative Services' Legislative Library.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dorothy J. Lennig, Esq.".

Dorothy J. Lennig, Esq.
Executive Director

cc: Sarah Albert, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)

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Introduction

In accordance with § 3-528(d) of the Public Safety Article, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office) must submit a report to the General Assembly by June 30 of each year, as it relates to each use of force incident reported by law enforcement agencies for the previous calendar year that resulted in a monetary settlement or judgement. For the purpose of this report, § 3-528(b) of the Public Safety Article requires law enforcement agencies to report the information to the Office by March 1 of each year.

Pursuant to its charge, this *Use of Force Incidents Resulting in a Monetary Settlement 2025 Report* includes information from law enforcement agencies regarding each use of force incident for calendar year 2025 that resulted in a monetary settlement or judgment against the agency. To view a prior report on the Office's website, as required by § 3-528(e) of the Public Safety Article, please visit: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/reports-and-publications/>.

Use of Force Incidents Resulting in a Monetary Settlement

For the purpose of this report, the Office distributed an electronic survey to all law enforcement agencies in the State to gather information for the 2025 calendar year (January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025). The survey requested information on incidents in which a monetary settlement was resolved in 2025, regardless of the original incident date. It also allowed agencies to provide notification if no applicable incidents occurred during the reporting period. For more information regarding the electronic survey, please visit the Office's website at: <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/mandated-reporting-requirements/>.

For the 2025 calendar year, six law enforcement agencies reported a total of 16 settlements that involved 17 individuals and 37 officers. The remaining law enforcement agencies provided notification that no applicable incidents occurred in 2025. Of the individuals involved in the use of force incidents, 70.6% were male and 29.4% were female. Most of the individuals were Black (70.6%), and the most common age interval was between 40 and 49 years old (35.3%). In addition, the majority of law enforcement officers involved in the use of force incident were male (94.6%), White (67.6%), and between 18 and 39 years old (61.1%). For more information, please refer to the **Use of Force Monetary Settlements Dashboard** at: <https://app.powerbigov.us/view?r=eyJrIjoioTFhZDU4MzMtZDc4Ni00MDcxLTgzMTktNTNhNWZlNTFIZjQxIiwidCI6IjYwYWZlOWUyLTQ5Y2QtNDliMS04ODUxLTY0ZGYwMjc2YTJlO CJ9>.

In 2025, the total settlement amount across those 6 agencies was \$2,008,075 (*as illustrated in Table 1*). For descriptive information pertaining to each incident, please refer to **Table 2**.

Table 1: Calendar Year 2025 Settlements or Judgements Awarded

Agency	Incident Date	Incident Time	Filing Date	Settlement Date	Settlement Total
Baltimore County Police Department	7/8/2015	1:00 AM	7/11/2018	2/24/2025	\$99,000
	8/1/2016	3:30 AM	9/13/2016	4/22/2025	\$567,000
	8/22/2019	9:50 AM	8/18/2022	10/8/2025	\$10,000
	9/27/2023	3:44 AM	9/23/2024	1/10/2025	\$250,000
Baltimore Police Department	6/1/2020	9:00 AM	5/20/2010	4/16/2025	\$75,000
	1/30/2021	12:00 PM	12/21/2023	8/6/2025	\$250,000
Bel Air Police Department	5/15/2023	8:35 AM	5/16/2024	1/17/2025	\$100,000
Maryland State Police	7/28/2018	7:36 PM	7/21/2021	11/5/2025	\$45,000
Montgomery County Police Department	10/18/2018	3:40 AM	3/18/2025	9/30/2025	\$50,000
	3/15/2020	12:00 PM	3/13/2023	10/22/2025	\$400,000
	7/24/2023	4:20 AM	7/24/2023	8/14/2025	\$1,900
Prince George's County Police Department	10/4/2013	4:23 AM	2/23/2021	12/22/2025	\$30,000
	1/2/2018	10:55 AM	12/8/2024	6/20/2025	\$100,000
	6/18/2020	6:18 PM	6/18/2020	9/23/2025	\$10,175
	3/28/2021	9:25 PM	3/28/2021	4/16/2025	\$10,000
	12/8/2024	2:45 PM	12/8/2024	1/24/2025	\$10,000

Table 2: Calendar Year 2025 Incident Descriptions

Agency	Incident Date	Description
Baltimore County Police Department	7/8/2015	Officers responded to a call of disturbance with family members arguing and fighting, and separated the parties. One subject remained angry at another party, eventually striking them in the presence of officers, at which time the subject was placed under arrest. The subject alleged physical injuries occurred while being handcuffed.
	8/1/2016	Upon entering a residence to serve arrest warrants on two individuals, officers observed a suspect armed with a shotgun. Officers exited and a barricade was called with Hostage Negotiation Team and Tactical Unit involvement. Subsequently an officer discharged their firearm resulting in the death of the armed suspect and injury to a second person.
	8/22/2019	Baltimore County Police officers responded while court bailiffs were attempting to arrest a subject. Force was used by bailiffs during this process. Officers assisted in securing the subject.
	9/27/2023	Officers responded to Baltimore City to take custody of a prisoner who had escaped Baltimore County Police custody while receiving medical treatment, and had been taken into custody by the Baltimore Police Department. Force including OC spray was utilized while the prisoner was in custody.

Baltimore Police Department	6/1/2020	Plaintiff alleged that, on June 1, 2020, he was present at a protest where he was struck by officers and wrongfully prosecuted for failing to obey a lawful order.
	1/30/2021	Officers responded to a call for service at a store for an armed suspect. Officers arrived on the scene and engaged in a shootout with the suspect. In the ensuing melee, the plaintiff (who was one of the store's managers) was struck and injured.
Bel Air Police Department	5/15/2023	Officers were dealing with an individual who was harassing residents and disturbing the peace/being disorderly in the neighborhood. The subject was disruptive, non-compliant and threatened on-scene officers. The subject also resisted when placed under arrest.
Maryland State Police	7/28/2018	A trooper responded to a domestic incident in which an individual was alleged to have assaulted his mother. The individual was 15 years-old at the time, and mixed-race (one White parent, one Black parent). A Greensboro officer was also at the scene. The individual did not allow himself to be placed in custody, so the trooper wrestled him on the ground, executed elbow strikes, knee strikes, and eventually five punches to his face. The Greensboro officer then tased him.
Montgomery County Police Department	10/18/2018	Plaintiff alleged that the officer used excessive force in restraining her after she was involved in a fight on a school bus.
	3/15/2020	Plaintiff alleged that she was unlawfully arrested following a trespass incident at a store. Plaintiff asserted a use of force claim related to her handcuffing.
	7/24/2023	Officers effectuated the arrest of an individual who was suspected of involvement with a string of commercial burglaries, pursuant to a warrant.
Prince George's County Police Department	10/4/2013	Plaintiff alleged excessive force by officer(s).
	1/2/2018	Claimant alleged that they parked for Uber Eats delivery and was assaulted by officers who used excessive force.
	6/18/2020	Claimant alleged he was assaulted, battered, and falsely arrested by officer(s).
	3/28/2021	Plaintiff alleged assault, battery, excessive force, false imprisonment, false arrest and civil rights violations by officer(s).
	12/8/2024	Caller stated she was sitting in their vehicle when officers were chasing down a suspect. Officers disarmed their taser, one of them struck the assailant and one went through the callers window and onto her face

Conclusion

The Office will continue to work with Maryland law enforcement agencies to ensure all required information is received, submitted in a report to the General Assembly, and published on its website each year.