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On 10/02/10 at approximately 0132 hours I was working the "Bar Detail" on Crown Street in the Downtown entertainment district area of the city.

The Downtown entertainment district has numerous night clubs and bars that attract thousands of students and other club goers to the area. Crown Street itself has over a dozen places in a four block area. Some of these establishments offer entertainment to patrons under the ages of 21.

On Friday nights between the hours of 0145 and 0200 (bar closing) there are frequently thousands of young adults pouring out of the clubs and bars. Most of these patrons have already been consuming alcohol for several hours. The pedestrian volume is so heavy that sidewalks on both sides of the street overflow and Crown Street is forced to be closed down from Temple Street to College Street from all vehicular traffic.

The "Bar Detail" is normally composed of six to eight officers and one supervisor. The primary function of this detail is to control the large number of club and bar patrons. This detail must also coordinate the large number of vehicles that exit the Crown St garage (213 Crown) and the Parking lot at 210 Crown with the pedestrians that fill the street.

This area is also plagued violence that includes shootings, stabbings, numerous assaults, assaults on police officers, sexual assaults, robberies, and has a history that extends up to attempted shootings of police officers and murders.

Due to the recent level of violent crimes in the Downtown entertainment district, command staff of the NHPD have developed a special Downtown entertainment district detail. This detail is in addition to the normal "bar detail." In this specialized detail an additional 14 officers are added. These officers include four SWAT members, four motorcycle units, (including a motorcycle supervisor) an additional Downtown entertainment district supervisor, an additional operations supervisor and two command trailers, all lead by Asst. Chief Melendez, and Chief Limon. In addition to the police presence state liquor officials and the NHFD fire marshal were working to enforce state and local laws.

On 10/02/10 at approximately 0132 hours I was tasked with assisting state liquor officials in liquor enforcement at 215 Crown Street, Elevate/Alchemy Night Club. Inside 215 Crown Street, Elevate/Alchemy Night Club all patrons were checked by police and liquor officials for their date of birth to ensure that 215 Crown Street, Elevate/Alchemy Night Club was following all state and local liquor laws, along with ensuring that alcohol was not in the possession of those under the legal limit. While assisting liquor officers, Assistant Chief Melendez approached a male, later identified as Jordan

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Jefferson and Sgt. Guliuzza approached a male later identified as Zachary Fuhrer. Sgt. Guliuzza stated that he told Fuhrer that he could not use his cellular phone during the investigation. Sgt. Guliuzza stated that after he told Fuhrer to not use his phone Fuhrer continued to use it. Sgt. Guliuzza stated that Fuhrer hindered his duties by him having to repeatedly return to Fuhrer. Per Sgt. Guliuzza Fuhrer was placed into custodial arrest for Interfering with an Officer. Fuhrer was set aside from the group and guarded by this officer.

Assistant Chief Melendez told Jefferson that he could not be using his cellular phone during the investigation. As Assistant Chief Melendez walked away Lt Reddish noticed that Jefferson took back out his cell phone and continued to use it despite the words of Asst. Chief Melendez. Lt. Reddish pointed to Jefferson and told him to come to him. Jefferson looked up at the Lieutenant and smiled, disregarding the Lieutenant. It should be noted that Lieutenant Reddish is the Officer in Charge of the NHPD S.W.A.T. team and was dressed in full S.W.A.T. attire, with his assault rifle along over his shoulder and resting against his chest. The word "police" was clearly marked on numerous places on his person.

Lieutenant Reddish told Jefferson to put his phone down and come to him. Jefferson looked up at the Lieutenant and nodded his head, and continued to ignore Lt. Reddish. Lieutenant Reddish and this officer walked over to Jefferson and I escorted him away from the large group of 200+ people. While being escorted Jefferson began laughing and smirking at the crowd stating "fuck this shit."

Lieutenant Reddish explained to Jefferson that he was being placed into custodial arrest for Interfering with an Officer. Lieutenant Reddish explained that Jefferson's actions hindered the investigation by deterring other officers from doing their duties by having to repeatedly come back to him and tell him to put his phone away. While the Lieutenant was speaking to him Jefferson kept looking away and rolling his eyes, Jefferson was smirking and laughing at the lieutenant. With Jefferson separated from the crowd and to avoid the possible embarrassment of being handcuffed in front of his peers I decided to let Jefferson sit separate from the group un-handcuffed until the conveyance van arrived at my location. Jefferson was placed next to Fuhrer. Jefferson, upon Lieutenant Reddish turning around stated "who the fuck this guy think he is".

Upon conclusion of the investigation the patrons of the bar were placed into an orderly line so the Fire Marshal could make an accurate count of people for his investigation. All of the patrons that needed to be counted were behind a glass barrier that separated the bar section from the lounge.

As the investigation cleared and patrons were being allowed out of the facility, Jefferson kept calling numerous patrons over to him. This behavior continued for approximately a half dozen

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individuals. When these patrons came to him he stated things such as "these guys are a joke", "ill be out of this", and "this is nothing" all while laughing at Lieutenant Reddish. I told Jefferson to stand up and place his hands behind his back. Jefferson stood up and I saw him immediately clench his fists. I grabbed the left hand of Jefferson and started handcuff him. Jefferson stiffened up and tried to push me away with his left hand. I felt Jefferson's arm tighten up and I noticed him moving around more. I felt Jefferson was going to fight.

I pulled out my Tazer X26 and placed it to Drive Stun Mode. I told Jefferson that if he fights I will use it against him. Lieutenant Reddish and I attempted again to place Jefferson in handcuffs. Jefferson pushed off me and swung his left arm back at me. I deployed my Tazer X26 into the rear of the right shoulder of Jefferson. Jefferson turned away and threw a punch at me, striking my hand. I attempted to grab onto Jefferson and bring him to the ground. Jefferson continued to fight and punched Lieutenant Reddish one time directly in the chest. With Jefferson swinging his fists and me I again doployed my Tazer X26, striking him in the chest. Jefferson continued to fight. Ofc Marshall arrived to my aid and along with help from Sgt. Guliuzza, and this officer we were able to wrestle Jefferson to the ground. I heard numerous patrons cheering for Jefferson to continue to fight and some left the line to gather around us. This situation placed the officer's safety in immediate jeopardy.



While on the ground Ofc. Marshall gave Jefferson numerous commands to place his hands behind his back. I observed Jefferson continue to fight and elbow Ofc. Marshall directly in the mouth. I observed that Jefferson was continuing to assault police officers and was continuing to resist arrest by physically striking officers with forearms and elbows; I again deployed my Tazer X26 into the lower back and lower leg of Jefferson. Jefferson continued to not place his hands behind his back and officers had to physically remove them from underneath his person. Jefferson was eventually handcuffed.

Jefferson was escorted to a waiting patrol car to where he was placed in the rear of it. I had AMR responded for medical attention to Jefferson due to my use of force (tazer). Jefferson was transported to 20 York St. Yale New Haven Hospital for evaluation. Jefferson will be guarded by police as he is being treated at Yale New Haven Hospital.

Jefferson was ultimately placed into custodial arrest for the following:

- 3 Counts 53a-167c Assault on a Police Officer
- 1 Count 53a-178 Inciting a Riot
- 1 Count 53a-167a Interfering with a P/O
- Disorderly Conduct 1 Count 53a-182

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Fuhrer was placed under custodial arrest for the following:

1 Count 53a-167a Interfering with a P/O

Fuhrer was transported to 1 Union Ave, Detention facility via prisoner conveyance van for further processing.

Sgt. Guliuzza was notified of my use of force.

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On October 1, 2010 I was hired to work Operation NightLife in the downtown area of the City of New Haven. I was hired as an Emergency Services Officer in a support role to patrol officers working the detail. On this night I was wearing my uniform, which included tactical gear, and was armed with my department-issued Glock handgun and Colt M4 rifle.

At the start of my shift I met with Assistant Chief Melendez. Chief Melendez stated that the Liquor Commissioner and the Fire Department were going to conduct compliance checks in the East Shore, Fair Haven, and Downtown districts. Chief Melendez stated that a two-person Emergency Response team would accompany the officers during these checks.

At approximately 0132 hours, New Haven Police, led by Assistant Chief Melendez and Chief Limon, along with the State Liquor Commissioner and New Haven Fire Department made entry into 215 Crown Street, Club Elevate. Upon making entry, everyone present was told to sit down, to secure their cell phones, and take out their identification cards; and the group was told to be quiet. The crowd of patrons continued to talk on their phones, and talk loudly. The group overall complied; but several males continued to use their phones in total disregard of the ongoing investigation. These males, later identified as Zachary Fuhrer and Jordan Jefferson, continued to use their cell phones and told those around them that, "This is bullshit."

Zachary Fuhrer was separated from the group in which he was sitting and placed by himself on the floor next to the bar. His phone was placed on top of the bar and out of his reach. I turned my back and Mr. Fuhrer had gotten up and retrieved his phone and was again using it. When I turned my attention to the area where Fuhrer had been sitting, I observed another individual who had been told by A/C Melendez to put his phone away. I told the subject, Jordan Jefferson to put his phone away, but he continued to use it, stating, "This is bullshit, who is this guy, who does he think he is:"

I again told Mr. Jefferson to put the phone away and I continued to walk around asking people to secure their cell phones. I then saw Mr. Jefferson on the cell phone again, and and reiterated for him to secure the cell phone. He refused, after which I told him to come toward me. I brought Mr. Jefferson over to a set of chairs and again told him not to use the phone because he was interfering with the investigation. During this conversation, Mr. Jefferson continued to smirk, laugh, and roll his eyes at me, stating again, "Who the fuck does this guy think he is."

I reiterated to Jefferson that he was interfering with the investigation, also explaining to him that his actions and vocal outbursts constituted disorderly conduct. Jefferson continued to curse at me and Officer Abbate, and called numerous members of the crowd over to him, telling them, "These guys are a joke, I'll be out of this, this is nothing." Patrons were told not to go over to Mr. Jefferson and to back up. It was at this time that the inspection was over and patrons were asked to file out single file toward the exit in order for the police to conduct a more accurate head count. A glass panel screen was between exiting patrons and the area where Jefferson was being detained. Some patrons were seen stepping out of line and

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coming over to myself and several officers while Mr. Jefferson continued to yell towards them as if asking for assistance.

Officer Abbate told Mr. Jefferson that he needed to stand up and place his hands behind his back, after which I told Jefferson he was under arrest for interfering with an investigation and disorderly conduct. It was at this time that Mr. Jefferson stood up and immediately clenched his fists and stated that he was not going to be arrested. Officer Abbate attempted to place handcuffs on Jefferson's left wrist but he pulled away and tried to push the officer. I was holding onto Jefferson's right arm when he pulled away from Officer Abbate. I, along with Officer Abbate, ordered Jefferson to comply but he continued to struggle, pulling away from our grasp.

Officer Abbate pulled out his Taser x26 and removed the cartridge to prepare for a drivestun. The officer told Jefferson that if he continued to fight, he would tase him. Jefferson stated that the officer "better not tase me" and that he "was not going to jail." Jefferson continued to fight, punching at this officer and was eventually drive stunned by Officer Abbate, but it was not effective. Jefferson then turned and punched Officer Abbate who tried to grab him. I again grabbed Jefferson's right arm to gain control of him, after which he punched me in the chest with his left arm and fist. He then attempted to grab at my tactical vest.

Officer Abbate and I were now in a violent fight with Jefferson; Officer Abbate then called on the radio that we were in a fight. Officer Marshall and Sergeant Guliuzza arrived on scene as Jefferson continued to fight, resulting in Jefferson punching Officer Marshall in the mouth. Jefferson was taken to the floor where he still fought violently and refused to place his hands behind his back. He was tased again, and it was again ineffective. Jefferson's arms were physically removed from under his body and he was finally placed in handcuffs.

Jefferson was removed from inside the club and placed in a marked police cruiser outside. During the fight, spectators gathered and attempted to help Jefferson, but they were ordered to get back for their own safety, officer safety as well as the safety of the arrestee. I stayed with the club until all patrons were downstairs and out of the area of Club Elevate. I then exited the building and stood outside on Crown Street until my partner, Officer Strickland, arrived. Please see original report authored by Officer Abbate as well as Supplemental Report authored by Officer Marshall.

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