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### 2022 Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Use of Force Annual Review

Pursuant to section 7.6 of the State of New Jersey Use of Force Policy (April 2022 version) section 7.6 (April 2022 version), a meaningful review was conducted of each use of force incident involving a detective of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office that occurred in 2022.

This review included an analysis of the use of force incidents to ensure that they were conducted without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristics.

The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office participated in three use of force incidents in the calendar year 2022. All three use of force incidents were found to be in compliance with guidelines and entered into the BENCHMARK USE PF FORCE reporting portal and can be publicly searched at <https://www.njoag.gov/force/>

Each of these incidents involving the use of force occurred during the arrest of three separate fugitives in 2022.

After review, our analysis of each incident found that the use of force by the detective was conducted without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or any other protected characteristics.

Based upon the review conducted, the determination has been made that no changes in agency structure, training, equipment, or policy are necessary as a result of these use of force incidents/arrests.

Deputy Chief Bryan Cottrell