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### 2022 Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Vehicle Pursuit Annual Review

Pursuant to the State of New Jersey Use of Force Policy (April 2022 version) section 12.2 of Addendum B (April 2022 version), a meaningful review was conducted of each vehicle pursuit initiated by a member of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office that occurred in 2022. This review included an analysis of the pursuits to ensure that the pursuits 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 motor vehicle pursuits in the calendar year 2022. All three pursuits were found to be in compliance with guidelines and entered into the BENCHMARK reporting portal.

- Two separate pursuits occurred while investigating a shooting incident in the city of Trenton. Two individuals were arrested during one of the two pursuits. The second pursuit was terminated appropriately by the detective, and the driver/occupant(s) were not arrested at that time.
- One pursuit involved an investigation of a stolen vehicle, receiving stolen property, unlawful possession of a handgun, aggravated assault and obstruction. Three juveniles were arrested as a result of this pursuit.

After review, our analysis of each pursuit found that the pursuits were 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 pursuits.

Deputy Chief Bryan Cottrell

**POLICE PURSUIT SUMMARY REPORT**

Agency	Mercer County Prosecutor's Office	County Mercer
Reporting Period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022		
Person completing report Deputy Chief Bryan Cottrell		Date completed 1/23/23
Phone number 609.989.6351		

1. Number of pursuits initiated	3
2. Number of pursuits resulting in accidents	0
3. Number of pursuits resulting in injuries (NO DEATHS)	0
4. Number of pursuits resulting in death	0
5. Number of pursuits resulting in arrest	2
6. Number of vehicles in accidents	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
7. Number of people injured	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
8. Number of people killed	
a. Pursued vehicles	0
b. Police vehicles	0
c. Third party vehicles	0
d. Pedestrians	0
9. Number of people arrested	5
10. Number of pursuits in which a tire deflation device was used	0