



Devon & Cornwall Police

Record 1

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A) On how many occasions in 2012 was a Taser deployed against a person under the age of 20. Please provide a breakdown of both the ages of the individuals as well as the method of Taser deployment (drive-stun, fired aimed etc.) and the recorded reason for the Taser use.

The information is taken from the completed Taser Deployment Forms:

Taser Deployment	Gender	Age	Prevent Offence
Drawn	Male	15	Self harming
Red Dot	Male	15	Suspect had been throwing glass at staff. On police arrival male refused to listen to officers and took up a fighting stance. his fists were clenched and his head dropped. Males eyes became squinted as if ready to attack officers. Taser was aimed to prevent an incident occurring.
Drawn	Male	15	Male named as offender for stabbing. Drawn to protect searching Officer
Red dot	Male	15	Subject presented self to Police in aggressive manner
Red Dot	Male	16	During the early hours of the morning a motorcycle with two riders failed to stop for a single crewed mobile patrol unit in a rural isolated area. The motorcycle lost control on a public bridleway and both riders ran from the Officer. One of the riders had trouble freeing himself from the hedge giving the Officer time to get within 10ft of him. He was wearing a full face crash

			helmet and appeared to be looking for something that he may have dropped. He also appeared to be attempting to retrieve an item from his pocket. Fearing he would continue to try to evade capture and in the interests of my safety I decided to draw my taser and red dot the male.
Arced	Male	16	Subject became violent when attempt was made to place him in an ambulance
Red Dot	Male	17	Was the driver of a vehicle which failed to stop for police following a dangerous pursuit.
Red Dot	Male	18	Offender had run off from police unit after assaulting member of the public with a hockey stick, he was challenged by 2nd officer whilst still carrying the weapon. Officer drew TASER and offender ran off. During the foot chase officer turned a corner to see the offender holding the weapon in his hand. TASER was switched to FIRE and aimed at offender who again ran prior to TASER being deployed. Offender ran behind a van and was heard to throw the weapon before surrendering to police. TASER was again switched to FIRE and again aim was taken using the flood light and red dot laser sight. Male complied
Red Dot	Male	18	2 X large male suspects in drink abusive and threatening behaviour displayed. Refused to calm down
Red Dot	Male	18	Male was aggressive and non compliant towards police
Red Dot	Male	18	Subject was in the cage of van without handcuffs after being arrested for affray by another officer. Once the secure cage door had been shut the subject has started to kick, punch and headbutt the cage making threats of violence to officers. Due to his behaviour I was concerned that he may also injure himself. The subject has continued to offer threats of violence to any officer who tries to go into the vehicle to secure him. As the driver of the van assisting I was not happy to transport the male like that without handcuffs on. It was made clear to the subject that he needed to calm down and not offer violence. I went to open the cage and he kept kicking the cage and due to his elevated position his kick was at my head height. I informed the subject that I was carrying taser and if he continued to offer me threats of violence or attempted to assault me or another police officer then the device may be used against him. The subject continued with his threats and adapted a fighting stance directly in front of the cage while still kicking the door. Taser was withdrawn and shown to the subject who continued with his behaviour. Taser was turned on and the subject was red dotted which had the desired effect and he was then handcuffed.
Fired	Male	18	BOP arrest male resist arrest direct threat violence to officers
Drive stun	Male	18	ABH offender -Refused entry to H/A Threats to knife officers
Fired	Male	18	Male making off from theft/assault Was threatening to stab public and officer
Drawn	Male	18	Male one of two named offenders for a stabbing. Drawn to protect searching Officer
Red Dot	Male	19	Male was threatening suicide

Red dot	Male	19	1 of 3 persons challenging single crewed officer
Red dot	Male	19	Male red dotted as lashing out with feet during attempt arrest immediately calmed
Fired	Male	19	Male self harming refused to drop knife then pointed knife towards officer and started to move the knife towards him
Red Dot	Male	19	Call to domestic incident were male was resisting officers and offering violence to officers.
Fired	Male	19	Male had re-entered premises following an offence and was threatening the people within the house. He was climbing into the window with a broken glass in his hand
Red Dot	Male	19	Violent male resisted arrest for S5 POA
Drive stun	Female	19	Female cutting herself with knife, officer tried to remove but she wouldn't let go
Red dot	Male	19	Male suspected of being in possession of kitchen knife
Red Dot	Male	19	Male appeared to be fighting with another male.