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Bill,

Please see the below media inquiry.

Thank you!

Samantha B.

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From: **Ursula Wren** <ursulawren.reporter@gmail.com>
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Hello all,

My name is Ursula - I'm a reporter with the Asheville Free Press.

When speaking with some of the homeless residents in our city about the removal of their encampment, I have been repeatedly told that there are "many" instances where Asheville Police have closed camps. Aside from a few of the higher-profile removals which have made it into the local media, I'm having a hard time tracking down documentation of these instances.

I understand that the City's position is that most, if not all, of these camp removals were done at the behest of NCDOT (I have reached out to them, as well), so I want to pre-empt that point and make my question more specific and scoped: I want to know how many times, when, and at what locations, Asheville Police have participated in the removal or 'closure' of homeless encampments in our city in 2021.

Thank you for your prompt response,

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