



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-014
Incident Number: 2023-20055597
Date of Incident: 3/25/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were conducting a bar patrol check. Bouncers kicked out two males who had been fighting. Officers detained one male who would be arrested for Assault. While that male was being detained, the second male began throwing his shoes at other patrons while yelling that he wanted to fight. Officers attempted to de-escalate the male by telling him to go home several times, and by warning him that his actions could subject him to arrest, but the male continued his disorderly behavior. Officers took arm control of the suspect to place him into handcuffs, but he resisted their attempts to detain him. Officers took the suspect to the ground to better control him. While on the ground, the suspect continued to struggle and thrash his body against officers. Officers placed the suspect in the Wrap restraint system. When the suspect was booked into jail for Disorderly Conduct, he claimed that he had been punched by police during the arrest. Video of the incident disproved his claim. A supervisor also was on-scene and could confirm that no punches or strikes were used by officers. The Chain of Command determined that officers used appropriate and minimal force (Takedown Technique and arrest tactics) and that no officers punched the suspect as he claimed.

