



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-019
Incident Number: 2023-20050778
Date of Incident: 3/18/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a disorderly subject call at a shelter. Shelter staff advised that the male suspect had been trespassed from the location in the past and was currently yelling, throwing garbage cans and other items, refusing to leave, and disrupting the patrons of the shelter. He had climbed over the fence to get into the facility and was arguing with security. When officers arrived, the suspect was inside of the gated area outside of the shelter building. A security guard was holding the suspect against a metal railing and the suspect was yelling. Officers obtained arm control of the suspect and attempted to place him in handcuffs to detain him so that they could further their investigation. The suspect refused to follow commands and tensed his body, preventing them from putting his hands behind his back and applying handcuffs. In a coordinated effort, officers took the suspect forward and down to the ground while maintaining control of his arms. Once on the ground, officers were able to apply handcuffs and pat search him for weapons. The suspect was advised that he was no longer just being detained and was now under arrest. Once detained, the suspect continued to resist officers as they attempted to search him and place him in a patrol vehicle. As the suspect was being placed into the vehicle, he intentionally kicked one officer in the upper thigh/groin area twice. He was advised he was under arrest for 3rd Degree Assault and was transported and booked into jail. While at jail, the suspect alleged injury caused from the arrest and use of force by officers. He had a small (approximately 1 inch) bruise on the inside of his right forearm, which he alleged was caused by the officers during the arrest. A Chain of Command review determined that officers used very minimal force and control techniques to detain and arrest the suspect, and their actions were within department policy.

