



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-023
Incident Number: 2023-20096741
Date of Incident: 5/20/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was performing a proactive patrol at the 7-11 at 177 S Division St when he saw a male arrive in a vehicle with a female passenger. The male went into the store while the female remained in the vehicle. The officer knew that the male was the respondent on a Domestic Violence protection order with a female as the protected party. The officer had reasonable suspicion that the crime of DV Order Violation was occurring, and lawfully contacted the male. When the male started moving toward the female, the officer detained the male in handcuffs. The officer took control of the male's left arm, then completed handcuffing in the sitting position after the male placed himself there. The male brought his right arm to the small of his back, and physical force to the right arm consisted only of placing handcuffs on that right wrist. The result of the investigation was the female was not the protected person on the order, despite her physical descriptors being a close match. After the male was released from handcuffs, he complained to the officer that his shoulder was injured. The officer used standard handcuffing technique, but the incident was investigated as a use of force incident due to the male's complaint of an injury. The Chain of Command determined that the officer's arrest tactics were reasonable and within department policy.

