



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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## Closed Case Summary

Complaint Number: C17-010 OPO Number: N/A

Date of Complaint: 2/14/2017

Allegation: Excessive Force

Chain of Command Finding: Administratively Suspended

Final Discipline: Not Applicable

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

During the complainant's arrest, officers used a Takedown Technique, body weight/manual force, and handcuffing technique to take him into custody. During the use of force investigation, when the sergeant came to interview the man in jail, he made a complaint of Excessive Force.

### COMPLAINT

The complainant alleged that his ankle was twisted when he was taken to the ground.

### INVESTIGATION

The Internal Affairs investigator reviewed documentation of the incident, discovering that the Blue Team complaint was actually a duplication, because the Use of Force investigation was in Blue Team. The use of force had already been reviewed by the chain of command and officers' actions were determined to be within policy. The chain of command had watched body camera video of the incident, showing that the man appeared to be under the influence when he was ordered to leave the House of Charity. He was agitated and had fought with officers. House of Charity staff confirmed that the officers' actions were reasonable.

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

The Use of Force was thoroughly investigated. There was no evidence of misconduct by the officers. The case was Administratively Suspended.