



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-027
Incident Number: 2017-20074422
Date of Incident: 4/24/2017
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Assault call at an apartment building. The caller had given a detailed description of the suspect (female, 30 years old, 5' 01", 135 pounds, black and white ball cap). The officer contacted a woman who was a possible suspect and asked her if she was the person referenced in the call. The suspect rushed at the officer and threw a chemical (later determined to be liquid hair spray) in his face and eyes. At the time, the officer did not know what chemical was blurring his vision and causing a burning sensation. He grabbed the suspect and pushed her to the ground, trying to roll her over for prone cuffing. She was flailing and trying to get out of his control, and she refused to remove her hand from under her; she was holding the chemical she had sprayed at him. As he grappled with her on the ground, he deployed a Level II Tactic (two quick punches) and was able to gain control to put her into handcuffs. The suspect was booked into jail for Assault.

