

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-058

Incident Number: 2017-20133493

Date of Incident: 7/10/2017

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was on patrol and conducted a random and routine vehicle license plate check. The return information on the vehicle showed that the registered owner was a respondent of a Domestic Violence (DV) No Contact Order. The driver stopped the vehicle and exited. The officer confirmed the driver was the respondent on the order by checking her appearance against her jail-booking photo. He had a reasonable suspicion that the driver could be in violation of the DV No Contact Order as she could be with the protected person on the order. He approached the car and spoke to the driver and passenger. He asked the driver for her license. The name on her driver's license matched the name on the DV No Contact Order. He asked the driver to have a seat on the grass while he attempted to run her name with Police Radio for a full records return. At that point, the passenger became very upset, so the officer decided to place the driver in handcuffs until another unit could assist him. The passenger exited the vehicle and charged the officer, screaming, "Take me too if you're going to take her!" The officer tried to walk her back to the grassy area near the vehicle, but she pulled away from his control. He gave her commands to lie on the ground but she refused to comply. The officer employed a Takedown Technique to bring her to a prone handcuffing position on the ground. She struggled during the handcuffing process and sustained minor abrasions. After he handcuffed her, the officer determined that she was the petitioner (protected person) on the DV No Contact Order. Medics cleared her for jail. The officer transported her to jail and booked her for Obstructing. The driver was booked for violating the DV No Contact Order.

