



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### CRAIG N. MEIDL

## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-061  
Incident Number: 2017-20140818  
Date of Incident: 7/20/2017  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to an Assist Other Agency call. The caller was an employee of a mental health agency, requesting law enforcement assistance with transport of a client. The employee felt it would be important to have law enforcement assistance when the ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital. The officer and client were waiting for the ambulance, when the male started to become agitated. He said he didn't want to go to the hospital. The officer tried to de-escalate several times, explaining that the male was under a court order to remain and he had to go to the hospital. The officer instructed the male to sit down and wait for the ambulance. The male lunged at the officer, scratching his face and drawing blood. The officer struggled to bring the male to the ground for prone handcuffing and requested backup officers. Several mental health agency employees assisted and used their body weight to try to hold down the suspect until other officers arrived. The officer applied a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint, rendering the male unconscious. Once he was unconscious, officers handcuffed him and applied leg restraints. He regained consciousness quickly and officers assisted medics with lifting him onto the gurney. Officers completed a probable cause affidavit for the male's arrest on charges of Assault and Malicious Mischief, but did not book him into jail due to his mental health status. Officers coordinated with Frontier Behavioral Health upon his arrival to the hospital.

