



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-069  
Incident Number: 2017-20154581  
Date of Incident: 8/7/2017  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. Several callers reported a male and female arguing, and that it appeared physical. When officers arrived, both parties were intoxicated and agitated. Officers did not find probable cause for an assault between the couple, but the couple's child was taken to the hospital for injuries. Officers informed the couple that the child would be placed with child protective services during the investigation. When officers were taking the wife into custody, she became assaultive and started punching one of the officers. Her husband attempted to interfere with the arrest. An officer gave commands to the husband to back away but he screamed and pushed up against the officer. The officer quickly used a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint control hold to control the male. He relaxed enough that the officer could move him into the prone handcuffing position. The officer held him until another officer could help with handcuffing him. Officers had requested emergency assistance from other units. Another officer arrived and helped handcuff the female. The male was booked for Obstructing and the female was booked for Assault and Disorderly Conduct.

