



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-070
Incident Number: 2017-20163470
Date of Incident: 8/18/2017
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller reported her son was angry and punching holes in the walls. Officers contacted the male, who expressed thoughts of suicide. Officers decided he was a danger to himself and placed him into protective custody. They followed the ambulance that transported him to the hospital for a mental evaluation. The male became assaultive when the medical staff began to evaluate him. Hospital staff asked for assistance restraining him. The male was swinging his arms and legs towards staff and officers. Officers told him to stop resisting and tried to control him with their body weight, but he exhibited unusual strength. An officer applied a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint, which briefly rendered the male unconscious for about three seconds. Officers and staff gained control to put him in restraints. The male stayed in the hospital for an evaluation. No charges were filed for the property damage. The mother did not want to press charges.

