



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-077

Incident Number: 2017-20176462

Date of Incident: 9/5/2017

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Disorderly call. Several callers reported there was a large male screaming at people and vehicles. He appeared to be intoxicated and/or having mental issues. He was making threats to beat up people and damage their houses. Officers contacted the male and saw that he appeared to be hallucinating and under the influence of a narcotic, potentially methamphetamine. They decided to take the male into protective custody for his safety and the safety of others in the area. Officers told the male they were detaining him for a medical evaluation. They told him several times to put his hands behind his back, but the male refused to comply. As officers attempted to gain arm control, the male resisted by pulling his arms away and balling his hand into a fist. Officers told him to relax and stop fighting. He told officers they would not take him into custody, and started pushing them. One officer deployed his TASER but it was not successful. The male fell to the ground, but he was still fighting. He kicked an officer, injuring him and causing the officer to fall. The officer was in great pain and could not get up. (Later, the officer would learn that his ankle was broken in three places.) The remaining officers struggled to restrain the suspect and handcuff him. Another officer tried to apply a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint to control the suspect while other officers assisted. The suspect was still kicking and trying to roll over while handcuffed. After attempts at using a TASER, neck restraint, and the body weight of multiple officers, officers were unable to handcuff him. The suspect was large and muscular and exhibited great strength, possibly from the use of narcotics. Another officer deployed knee strikes to the male's abdomen. The first strike was not effective but the second strike allowed officers to gain control of his right arm. They finally placed him in handcuffs. An officer rode with the ambulance when the suspect was transported to the hospital for an evaluation. The suspect was cleared for jail and booked for Assault.

