



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-078  
Incident Number: 2017-20185664  
Date of Incident: 9/17/2017  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Suspicious Person call. The caller, a security guard for River Park Square, had reported a male exhibiting strange behavior, putting his hands down his pants in front of women. The male appeared agitated and high or intoxicated. He hit the guard in the chest. When the officer contacted the suspect, the suspect refused commands and approached the officer. The officer warned him to back away and to have a seat on the ground. He warned the male that he did not want to use force against him but his actions were causing concern. The male attempted to punch the officer. The officer applied a hammer strike to the male's face as a follow through to blocking the suspect's assault. The strike distracted him enough that the officer was able to control his movements and take control of his left hand. River Park Square security assisted with controlling his legs until two more officers arrived. When there were three officers on scene, they handcuffed him. Officers transported the male to jail and booked him for misdemeanor and felony Assault charges.

