



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-003
Incident Number: 2018-20001068
Date of Incident: 1/2/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller reported that her son pushed her down and took off running. He was upset that she had contacted Frontier Behavioral Health about him. A mental health professional was at the scene and had attempted to evaluate the male. When officers arrived, they contacted the male, but he began to flee. Officers ordered him to stay. He shoved his right hand into his pocket, which made officers think he might be recovering a weapon. They told him to take his hands out of his pockets and attempted to take arm control. Officers struggled with the male and pulled him to the sidewalk in attempt to handcuff him. The male began kicking officers. Four officers used their strength, body weight, and control techniques but could not gain control of the suspect. During the struggle, one officer delivered two low power knee strikes to his upper body to try to loosen his hands so they could cuff him. One officer applied a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint, and another officer deployed his TASER. The applications of force resulted in the suspect's momentary unconsciousness and muscular incapacitation, which allowed officers to take him into custody. After they handcuffed him, officers located a pocketknife near where the suspect had tucked his hands underneath him. He continued to kick, so officers applied leg restraints. Medics evaluated him and applied four point restraints, and transported him to the hospital. After obtaining medical clearance for the suspect, officers booked the suspect into jail for Assault-Domestic Violence, Resisting Arrest, and Obstructing.

