



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-010
Incident Number: 2018-20023155
Date of Incident: 2/5/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Check Welfare call. The caller reported a male may be having a medical emergency and was passed out behind the wheel in a parking lot. An officer responded for a welfare check of the driver. He saw the vehicle was running and in Park gear. The male was breathing and appeared to be sleeping. The officer approached the vehicle and identified himself as a police officer. The male appeared to be under the influence. The officer asked Police Radio to check the name of the male. He was unable to identify the male based on the information he provided, and suspected the male had given a false name. Another officer arrived to assist, and a sergeant contacted the officer and advised that a male matching the driver's description had an outstanding DOC warrant for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle. The officer ordered the male to step out of the car. Officers told the suspect they were detaining him, and started to take arm control. The suspect resisted by tensing his muscles and trying to pull away. He attempted to run but officers maintained their grasp on his arms. Officers used a Takedown Technique to place the suspect in the prone handcuffing position. The suspect landed on the asphalt of the parking lot. The technique ceased his active resistance and allowed officers to gain custody rather than allowing a prolonged altercation. The suspect claimed his face and knee hurt, so officers requested medics for an evaluation. Officers discovered the suspect's identity and confirmed that the vehicle was stolen. The suspect was booked into jail for Obstructing, False Statements, and Theft of a Motor Vehicle as well as his warrant.

