



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-047
Incident Number: 2018-20133109
Date of Incident: 7/11/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. During their investigation, they developed probable cause to arrest the male suspect for Malicious Mischief-DV. The intoxicated male suspect became extremely agitated and uncooperative. In the interest of officer safety, officers determined they needed to place him in handcuffs. As they attempted to handcuff him, he resisted their efforts, pulling his arms away. He then became assaultive with both officers. He had not been searched so it was unknown if he had access to weapons at this time. One officer tried to apply a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint but could not get into the position. As the officer released the hold, the suspect lunged toward him and struck him in the face. He then started grabbing at the officer's face. The officer then fired his TASER device at the male, but the TASER application was ineffective. Officers continued to struggle with the suspect on the ground. The male was on top of one of the officers. The other officer applied forward knee strikes to the suspect's upper body but the strikes seemed to have no effect. He also delivered elbow strikes to his back. The officer underneath the suspect struck him in the face with a closed fist. This application seemed to work as the officer shoved him off and both officers placed him in handcuffs. Medics evaluated the male. He was booked into jail for Assault and Malicious Mischief-DV.

