



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-057
Incident Number: 2018-20177366
Date of Incident: 9/12/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller reported that a man had hit a woman in the head with a closed fist. Officers developed probable cause to arrest the male suspect. They advised the suspect he was under arrest and attempted to grab his arms to place handcuffs. The suspect began physically resisting by pulling away from officers and pulling his arms into his body. Officers brought him to the ground for prone cuffing, but ended up with the suspect on top of an officer, lying on his arm and grabbing at the officer's face. The suspect put his arm around the officer's neck and pinned his head to the ground in a headlock. The officer delivered a closed-fist punch to the suspect's face, the only target he could reach, as a second officer deployed his TASER device to the suspect's back. The combined force resulted in the suspect immediately stopping his assault. Medics arrived and removed the probes. He was booked for Resisting Arrest and Assault.

