



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-062  
Incident Number: 2018-20197673  
Date of Incident: 10/3/2018  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Check Welfare call downtown. Two callers reported a male interfering with traffic, walking around, waving his arms, and acting odd. The officer recognized the male from previous complaints of him interfering with traffic. He also knew the male was considered dangerous to law enforcement based on unprovoked attacks on officers. He told the male to stop and wait for him, but the male walked away. The male yelled that he did not want to fight the officer. The officer said he did not want to fight either- he just wanted to talk to him. He requested backup and continued to follow the male until other officers could arrive. The male was in a very busy lane of traffic just prior to the Maple Street Bridge. Another officer arrived, blocking the lane of traffic with her patrol car. Both officers took arm control and tried to place the male into handcuffs, but the male resisted by tensing up. He rolled over and hid his hands beneath his body. During the struggle to detain him, the suspect appeared to attempt to bite the officer. The officer warned the suspect to stop resisting or he would be pepper sprayed. When the suspect continued resisting, the officer applied Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray to the suspect. The suspect stopped resisting and officers took him into custody. Medics arrived to treat the suspect. Later, when the officer reviewed his body camera video of the incident, the officer advised he likely felt the suspect's facial stubble rubbing against his arm, which is what he initially perceived was a bite, rather than an actual bite. Officers booked the suspect for Obstructing.

