



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-013

Incident Number: 2019-20027713

Date of Incident: 2/14/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Assault call at a facility. A resident hit a staff member in the face. Dispatch confirmed the suspect also had an active felony Assault warrant. They approached the suspect's room and advised him he was under arrest. They began to take arm control, and he immediately began resisting. He struck one officer in the face with a closed fist. Officers took him to the ground but continued to struggle with him and could not get control of his hands. Options such as OC (pepper spray) and a TASER would not work well in such close proximity. One officer applied a closed fist strike to the suspect's face, which helped him momentarily gain control of the suspect. The suspect continued fighting and tried to bite the officer's arm. The second officer applied a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) to stop the assaultive behavior and take him in to custody. The technique was successful; officers were able to handcuff him. Officers transported the suspect to jail and booked him for several counts of Assault, Resisting Arrest, and a felony warrant.

