



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-023
Incident Number: 2019-20046762
Date of Incident: 3/18/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to an Assault call. A caller reported that an intoxicated male had struck a female and child and then pushed them to the ground. Upon arrival, the SPD officer observed Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) deputies in pursuit of the suspect, who was now mobile in a vehicle. After a short pursuit, the vehicle wrecked and the suspect fled on foot. The officer made contact with the suspect, who was attempting to enter an occupied business. Occupants of the business were trying to hold the door to keep the suspect from entering. The officer gave commands to the man to go to the ground, but the suspect ignored the orders. The officer applied one baton technique to the suspect's lower leg, causing him to abandon entry into the business and attempt to flee. During the foot pursuit, the officer applied a second baton technique to the suspect's lower leg, causing him to fall into a snow pile. The officer handcuffed him. Medics responded and cleared him for jail. The suspect was booked for two counts of Assault-Domestic Violence. SCSO advised they would be adding Eluding charges.

