



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-029

Incident Number: 2019-20054376

Date of Incident: 3/29/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Domestic Violence call. A juvenile male had punched his father, and the father was bleeding from his head. When the officer arrived at the scene, the mother told the officer that her son was still fighting with his father. Although the officer was by himself, he decided to enter immediately rather than waiting for backup, due to an active assault occurring. The officer tried to take arm control of the suspect, but the male assumed an assaultive stance and swatted the officer's arm. He then grabbed the officer around the waist. The officer could tell the male was very strong and possibly under the influence of an intoxicant. He applied a knee strike to the suspect's chest. It had no effect. The suspect still gripped the officer's waist and gun belt. The officer attempted an elbow strike to the face, but it had no effect. Another officer arrived to assist and was kicked in the groin by the suspect. That officer delivered a blow to the suspect's groin and the first officer attempted a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint to render the suspect unconscious. The technique was effective but the suspect regained consciousness before officers could handcuff him. The officer deployed his TASER device. Officers were able to place him into handcuffs. A third officer arrived and took control of the suspect's legs, and the suspect kicked him. Medics arrived and administered two doses of sedative in order to get the suspect onto a stretcher. The suspect was taken to the hospital due to his drug usage/mental health issues. He was charged via affidavit with five counts of Assault, Resisting, and Obstructing.

