



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-045
Incident Number: 2019-20106355
Date of Incident: 6/10/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Check Welfare call. The caller, a security guard on a university campus, reported a male was screaming for assistance and was saying he was on methamphetamine. The officer contacted the male, who was exhibiting signs of Excited Delirium. He was sweating, completely incoherent, and appeared incapable of caring for himself. The officer gave him several verbal commands but the male did not respond to him. Another police unit was on the way, and the officer tried to contain the male by taking arm control. The male aggressively spun out and the officer thought he would be assaultive. In his condition, a physical fight would be extremely dangerous for the male. The officer applied a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) to control the male's upper body so he could be detained. He gave the male verbal commands to stop fighting. He continued to struggle, but other officers arrived and helped place him in handcuffs. They also applied leg restraints as he was kicking at officers. He did not seem to be intentionally assaulting officers but wildly flailing his legs. Officers did not feel that criminal charges were appropriate because he was unable to communicate and did not seem aware of his surroundings. The male sustained minor abrasions on the left side of his face which occurred during the struggle. Medics arrived and transported him to the hospital for possible drug overdose and mental evaluation.

