



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-063

Incident Number: 2019-20136012

Date of Incident: 7/21/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Fight call. The caller reported people fighting in the street. When an officer arrived, he contacted a male to see if he had been involved in the fight. The officer asked for the male's identification. The male provided a false name, said he was high on mushrooms, and fled from the contact. The officer decided to detain him, but the male took an assaultive stance with his hands up towards his face with clenched fists. The officer tackled him to the ground. While on the ground, the suspect refused commands to put his hands behind his back. Other officers came on scene to assist. During the struggle, the suspect intentionally kned the officer in the groin. Due to the suspect's assaultive behavior and intoxication level, the officer applied a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) and rendered the suspect unconscious. The officer felt that was the safest way to end the struggle, as a prolonged fight can be very dangerous for someone under the influence of psilocybin mushrooms, as they are at increased risk for excited delirium. The suspect was unconscious for approximately five to eight seconds, and during that time, officers applied handcuffs. The suspect sustained abrasions and lacerations to his face. Medics responded to evaluate him. Officers identified the suspect and found that he had a federal U.S. Marshal's warrant. The suspect was transported to the hospital for medical clearance. He was then booked into jail for Assault, Obstruction, and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

