



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-075
Incident Number: 2019-20173336
Date of Incident: 9/11/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer observed a male walking in traffic on Division Street Downtown, causing numerous vehicles to slow or stop to avoid striking him. The officer used his emergency lights and siren to get the male's attention. The male responded by yelling profanities. The officer followed the male and gave him commands to stop but the male was noncompliant. The officer told him he was under arrest and tried to take arm control. The suspect physically resisted arrest by tensing his muscles and clenching his fists. The officer applied a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) to control the suspect's upper body. The suspect continued to resist. The officer transitioned to a Level II LNR application to render the suspect unconscious. The technique was successful and the officer was able to apply handcuffs in the few seconds he was unconscious. The sustained minor injuries to his face consistent with prone handcuffing. Medics responded to the scene. The officer transported the suspect to the hospital to obtain medical clearance. The suspect was booked into jail for Disorderly Conduct, Obstructing and Resisting Arrest.

