



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-076

Incident Number: 2019-20180321

Date of Incident: 9/20/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was off-duty, shopping at a store in Spokane Valley. He watched a male set off the theft sensor at the store. A lone security officer contacted the male. The theft suspect appeared that he would fight his way through the security officer. The off-duty officer chose to intervene because he thought it would reduce the risk of someone getting hurt. He attempted verbal de-escalation and a physical control technique. He took the male to the ground and asked the security guard for handcuffs, but he did not have any. The suspect continued to resist detention. The officer applied a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) and continued giving verbal commands to the male. He gained control over the suspect, and told him he would release the hold if he complied with security and stopped fighting. The suspect agreed and followed the security officer back to the office. The suspect said he was uninjured. The security officer said he would call the incident in and the Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) would respond. SCSO completed the arrest.

