



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-078

Incident Number: 2019-20199765

Date of Incident: 10/19/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Argument call. The caller reported a male and female arguing and the male threatened to kill the female. The female said something about a knife. Officers arrived in the area and encountered a male suspect who they believed to be the involved male. His erratic movements made officers concerned that he was intoxicated by methamphetamine. He was dancing, shadow boxing, spinning, talking to himself and making sudden movements towards officers. Officers gave him commands to stop putting his hands in his pockets but he was not following commands. Officers determined he was not the involved male in the call. As they observed him stumbling in the roadway, they determined he could be a danger to himself and others. Officers requested an ambulance for an Involuntary Treatment Act hold. Officers advised him to sit on the curb but the male did not comply. As officers took arm control to guide him to the curb, he tensed up his body and flung his arms, hitting an officer. Officers were brought to the ground during the struggle. They were unable to bring the male's arms behind his back. The male kicked one of the officers in the groin and struck the other officer in the back of the head multiple times. The officer being hit in the head performed a series of closed fist strikes to the male's head. It had some effect on the male and he stopped his assault. A few seconds later, he regained his strength and hit another officer in the groin. Originally, the male was going to be transported to the hospital, but when he assaulted the officers, there was now probable cause for several charges. One of the officers deployed his TASER device. It did not achieve full neuromuscular incapacitation but it helped officers gain control. Officers were able to place handcuffs on the male. The male was transported to the hospital, PC for Assault, Resisting Arrest, and Obstruction.

