



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-080
Incident Number: 2019-20195220
Date of Incident: 10/25/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. There were witnesses on scene who called in to report the DV between the male and female. Officers initially made contact with a female subject who was sitting on the front porch. An officer initiated contact with the male involved who exited the front door of the residence. He noticed a pocketknife on the male and was attempting to pat frisk the male when he became non-compliant. During the course of struggle, the male broke loose from the officer's grip and turned towards him in an assaultive manner as if ready to throw a punch. The officer attempted to deliver a Level II knee strike to the male's torso while the other officer was also attempting to take the male to the ground. The subject continued to struggle and resist with officers and was taken into custody moments later. The subject only appeared to suffer minor injuries consistent with prone handcuffing. The officer's knee strike never made contact with the male suspect. The suspect was booked for Assault and Obstructing.

