



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-091
Incident Number: 2019-20227916
Date of Incident: 12/5/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Detectives were Downtown when recognized thought they recognized a suspect. This suspect was wanted for Carjacking and Assault. Detectives had a patrol officer text them a booking photograph of the suspect prior to making contact with the suspect. The photo appeared to be the same male. He appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. The male had no shirt on, even though it was 43 degrees outside, and he was conversing with people in their vehicles as they drove by, making rapid movements. The detectives activated their emergency lights on their vehicle and the suspect took off running. Officers verbally identified themselves as the police and chased after the suspect. They caught up to the male and tried to gain arm control for handcuffing. The suspect physically resisted detention by tensing up his arms and twisting his upper body. Detectives were not sure if he was still armed from the carjacking. One detective applied a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) to the male, with enough pressure to gain compliance but not enough pressure to cause the male to go unconscious. Two officers arrived and helped place him into handcuffs. After the suspect was taken into custody, detectives conducted further investigation to confirm his identity. Detectives learned the male suspect was not the male suspect they were looking for. The male had an active felony DOC warrant for his arrest. Officers booked him into jail for his warrant.

