



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-094  
Incident Number: 2019-20239970  
Date of Incident: 12/26/2019  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer noticed a couple exiting their vehicle. When they saw the police officer, they immediately fled on foot. Due to the suspicious circumstances, the officer ran the vehicle information in the database. He found that the vehicle was recently reported stolen and then recovered. The male was the suspect in the theft report. Dispatch advised that there was a Domestic Violence Order of Protection protecting the female from the male. The officer requested more officers come to the scene. The first officer contacted the male suspect and placed him under arrest. A second officer contacted the female, who had a warrant. When contacted, she failed to comply with the officer's commands to take her hands out of her pockets. She kept digging her hands in her pocket and appeared to be attempting to retrieve something. The officer was concerned she was accessing a weapon, and he moved in closer to attempt to control her arms. She continued to resist his efforts to safely control her arms, so he took her to the ground for prone handcuffing. On the ground, she tucked her arms beneath her body and used muscular tension to prevent the officer from gaining arm control. The officer applied a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) to control her movements. She began to comply and he was able to pull her arms out from under her. Another officer arrived to assist with handcuffing. Officers transported the suspect to jail for her warrant and new Obstructing charges.

