



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-016
Incident Number: 2020-20065804
Date of Incident: 4/19/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. Family members reported that their adult son was intoxicated, had a mental health disorder, and was threatening people. Officers arrived on scene to find family members subduing the male on the living room floor. The son had been confrontational with his family members and was armed with a knife at one point. The male had not assaulted any of the family members, but did throw the knife at a television in living room, damaging it in the process. The male was restrained by his father and brother due to his escalating behavior. Officers used de-escalation techniques while transitioning him into custody. After he was placed in handcuffs, officers interviewed him with medics present. At one point, the male attempted to head-butt a medic, but the officer grabbed control of him, preventing the assault. The male then launched his body from a seated position backward, striking the officer in the knees and propelling him backward. The officer lost his balance as the male tried to pin him against the door. The officer applied a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR), which allowed him to gain control of the male. Other officers assisted medical personnel in walking the male to the gurney. The male was transported to the hospital for a medical evaluation and was admitted. A charging request was completed for two counts of Assault.

