SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number:	F20-025
Incident Number:	2020-20064686
Date of Incident:	4/18/2020
Chain of Command Finding:	In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence (DV) call. Officers developed probable cause to take an intoxicated suspect into custody for Assault-DV and Interfering with Reporting of DV. After being placed in handcuffs and into the back of a patrol vehicle, the suspect slipped her handcuffs and unbuckled her seatbelt. Officers had her exit the vehicle in order to re-handcuff her hands behind her back. The officer provided calm and clear instructions not to resist prior to removing the handcuffs. However, the suspect ignored the instructions and resisted the officers, moving her arms and thrashing around to prevent the reapplication of the handcuffs. Officers performed a takedown technique to gain control of the suspect. Her forehead and nose struck the ground, causing a cut across the bridge of her nose and an abrasion to her forehead. Officers placed her into handcuffs and transported her to the hospital for medical clearance. Over the next hour and a half hours, the suspect interfered with hospital staff. She claimed she had COVID-19 and tried to spit at two of the nurses near her. She was told she would be charged with Interference with Health Care Facility. Hospital staff used four-point restraints and administered a sedative. ER staff informed officers that she had sustained a broken nose and would be undergoing surgery. Charges were prepared via probable cause affidavit for Assault, Interfering with the Reporting of a DV, Resisting Arrest, and Interference with Health Care Facility.