



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-034

Incident Number: 2020-20140688

Date of Incident: 8/14/2020

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person Bothering call at a downtown hotel. The suspect was agitated with officers and provided the officers with a false name. When her identity was discovered, officers determined that she had multiple active arrest warrants. Officers notified her she was trespassed from the location for one year, and advised the suspect that she was under arrest. Officers used a standard two-officer standing handcuffing technique to complete the arrest (not a reviewable use of force). She tensed up during the standing handcuffing procedure, but did not indicate that she was injured during the arrest process. Officers transported her to jail, but jail declined admittance due to high blood pressure. A short time later, a different officer contacted her on a Check Welfare call, and the suspect told him that she had her wrist broken during an arrest by police officers. She refused medical attention and to give further details. She became uncooperative with the officer as he attempted to gather additional information, and she left the area on foot. Because of the claim of injury, the incident was investigated as a use of force incident. Supervisors reviewed documentation, including bodyworn camera video of the arrest. There was no evidence of injury at the jail examination. There was no evidence that the arrestee sustained any injury during the arrest. The chain of command determined that officers acted reasonably and appropriately. Officers maintained a professional demeanor with the suspect during the duration of their contact. The tactics used were within policy and there was no reportable force used.

