



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-058
Incident Number: 2020-20220376
Date of Incident: 12/24/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Two officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller reported that he and his girlfriend were arguing, she was intoxicated, and was hitting him. Officers arrived and asked the male if they could talk to him outside and he agreed. He stepped out onto the porch. He was also intoxicated, and stated his girlfriend had hit him three times that night in the face. He had no visible injuries. At this point, officers had not seen or made contact with the female. Officers knew they needed to check on her before leaving the residence to make sure she was not the victim of any crime. An officer yelled into the house to get the female's attention, with the intentions of checking her welfare. The officer told the male he could not go back inside until they made sure the female was okay. He was warned that officers would place him in handcuffs if he attempted to go back inside. The male was non-compliant and immediately tried to make his way past the officer to enter the residence. Officers attempted to take arm control of the male. He tensed his arms, which prevented them from getting his arm behind his back. He struck an officer several times. At the same time, the female appeared in the doorway and began grabbing and hitting the officer in the face. The officer was able to get the female back inside the doorway by using a front stop kick to her abdomen. She got right back up and came at officers again, hitting an officer in the mouth and nose. The officer used another stop kick, which proved effective, as the female landed in a seated position on the floor just inside the doorway. The male was still actively resisting the attempt to detain him and was attempting to get back inside the residence. Officers radioed for emergency backup. As both suspects continued their resistive and assaultive actions, an officer deployed his TASER at the male, which appeared to be effective. However, he was still actively resisting to the point that officers could not take him into custody. The female came back out the door and appeared to trip on the threshold, which caused her to land face-first on the porch. The officer used his TASER again to drive stun the male on his right bicep area. A third officer arrived to help. He tried to grab onto the male, who was still punching and kicking. The male grabbed the officer's TASER. The officer applied a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR) to render the male suspect unconscious. The application was successful, and officers were able to roll him onto his back and place him in handcuffs during the short time he was unconscious. They also took the female suspect into custody. Medics attended to the suspects. The female suspect was transported to the hospital before booking, for the injuries she



sustained when she tripped and fell on her face. She was later booked into jail for Assault and Obstructing. The male suspect was booked into jail for Assault and Disarming a Police Officer.

Note: F20-058 and F20-059 are the same incident, but were given two tracking numbers, as there were two subjects involved in the use of force and a tracking number assigned to each subject.

