

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-036

Incident Number: 2021-20148047

Date of Incident 8/29/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were on routine bicycle patrol. They observed a disorderly female yelling obscenities at everyone in the area. It was obvious she was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Having no probable cause for a crime, officers maintained a distance of 40-50 yards. The woman's rage turned towards officers as she began directing obscenities towards them. The female then began running towards officers in an aggressive manner. Officers dismounted their bicycles as the female got closer. The female lunged at one officer, swinging punches. She struck the officer in the nose with a closed fist, causing his nose to bleed. The officer put up both hands in defense and braced himself for further attack. The suspect bounced off the officer and fell backwards. When she hit the ground, she struck her head on the concrete, causing her to lose consciousness and sustain a cut to the back of her head. Officers handcuffed the suspect and provided medical aid until medics arrived. The suspect continued to fight with medical staff and had to be medically sedated for treatment. The suspect was inadvertently released from hospital without police notification. Officers requested a warrant for Assault for her arrest.

