

## SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **Closed Use of Force Summary**

Tracking Number: F22-014

Incident Number: 2022-20046883

Date of Incident 3/21/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

## **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

An officer responded to a trespass call at a business. A female suspect was refusing to leave and arguing with customers. She refused to leave when directed. The officer advised the suspect she was under arrest. The officer used a standing handcuffing technique by turning her around, taking control of her arms, and placing her in handcuffs. During this time, the suspect was protesting her arrest and pulling away from the officer. The officer booked her into jail for 1st Degree Trespassing. The suspect alleged she was injured during the arrest. Standard handcuffing is not a reviewable use of force, but because the suspect claimed injury, the incident became a use of force incident. The chain of command reviewed the incident and determined that the officer's actions of handcuffing and escorting were reasonable and within department policy.

