



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-025
Incident Number: 2023-20088847
Date of Incident: 5/11/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. They developed probable cause to arrest the suspect. When they attempted to take him into custody, he fled into a house and physically resisted arrest. Officers pursued him into the residence. Officers advised the suspect that he was under arrest and to stop resisting, but the suspect struck one officer in the face and grabbed at another. To overcome the suspect's resistance and assaultive behavior, one officer delivered three knee strikes to the suspect's right abdomen. The suspect grabbed the second officer's hand, pulling his hand towards his mouth in an apparent attempt to bite his fingers. The second officer delivered one closed fist strike to the side of the suspect's face, which caused the suspect to release his hand and prevent him from biting. After deploying the strikes, the two officers were able to maintain control of the suspect until additional officers could arrive and assist in taking him into custody by overpowering him. Medics assessed the suspect and cleared him for booking. He was booked into jail for 3rd Degree Assault, 4th Degree Assault, and Resisting Arrest.

