



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-060  
Incident Number: 2023-20216023  
Date of Incident: 10/30/2023  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller had reported that a male and female were yelling at each other, and it sounded like the female was gasping for air, as if she were being choked. Officers knocked at the door of the residence and announced their presence. No one responded. Officers could hear screaming in the apartment, so they obtained a key from security and made exigent entry. Once in the apartment, a male suspect charged at officers, making verbal threats. He had a knife on his hip. Officers attempted to take arm control to detain him, but he resisted their efforts to put him in handcuffs, tensing and pulling away from officers. One officer used his forearm to push against the suspect's back and pin him against a wall to remove the knife. Officers lowered the suspect to the ground and used their body weight to hold the suspect in place as he rolled around and thrashed against them. Once the suspect was in handcuffs, he complained his ribs had previously been broken and they were injured again. He had no visible marks and refused to cooperate with a supervisor's attempt to interview him. Once officers were able to interview the female on scene, they determined that no domestic violence had occurred. The suspect was evaluated by medical personnel at jail and cleared for booking. The suspect was booked into jail for Obstructing.

