



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-006
Incident Number: 2023-20028330
Date of Incident: 2/11/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a report of a residential burglary. The complainant stated that a male had broken out the front window of his residence with a bat and was attempting to climb into the residence. The complainant challenged the suspect, and he fled across the street. During the investigation, officers determined that the burglary suspect was having mental health issues. The initial victim did not wish to pursue charges due to the mental health aspect of the call. After consulting with the homeowner, the father of the suspect, officers decided to enter the residence to conduct a welfare check on the suspect. Officers contacted the suspect and found that he met the criteria for involuntary detention at the hospital, as he was a danger to himself and others. The suspect was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

The suspect had a small injury to the top of his head. Officers believed the injury was a result of the suspect attempting to climb through a broken window with exposed broken glass, but the suspect stated that officers injured him while taking him into custody. It was not clear how he was injured, but the Chain of Command determined that officers followed department policy and procedure during the incident.

