

## SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-011

Incident Number: 2023-20026229

Date of Incident: 2/9/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

## **INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

SWAT officers and the Violent Crimes Task Force were conducting surveillance in attempt to locate a suspect who was wanted for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder and several counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault. When officers on scene located the suspect and approached him, he immediately attempted to flee into a different room. The suspect was uncooperative and had his hand in the pocket of his jacket. He had a handgun in his hand. An officer used several hammer fist strikes to the suspect's head and face before applying a TASER to gain control of the suspect. The suspect was eventually taken into custody after the handgun was secured. He received minor injuries consisted with TASER probes. After the suspect was cleared by medics, he was booked into juvenile detention for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm.

