



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-024
Incident Number: 2017-20064058
Date of Incident: 4/9/2017
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Person with a Weapon call. The officer contacted a suspect at an apartment complex, trying to break in, armed with two knives. The officer drew his firearm and pointed the muzzle at the suspect, giving commands for the man to drop the knives. The suspect dropped the knives but refused to move away from them, and he was still armed with a large wooden skateboard. Other officers arrived as backup. The officer warned the man that if he did not comply, he would use force against him. The male said, "I'm giving up on my own life because I'm charging your ass." He charged at the officer, and swung towards him. The officer used a Level II tactic, an open hand stiff-arm strike to the suspect's chest, knocking him backwards. Another officer deployed his TASER towards the suspect. One TASER probe lodged in the suspect's clothing and the other probe hit the ground. The TASER deployment was not effective and caused no injury to the suspect. Despite the TASER failure, officers were able to handcuff the man and take him into custody. The suspect had a previous injury to his finger, which started to bleed during the incident. He received treatment at the hospital for the injury (which had occurred the night before). He was booked for Assault and Intimidation with a Weapon charges.

