



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-083
Incident Number: 2017-20177675
Date of Incident: 9/7/2017
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Stabbing call at the Intermodal station. Multiple callers had advised that a male had stabbed someone. The officer arrived on scene alone. He located the stabbing suspect, who was still holding the knife. He ordered the male to drop the knife. The man threw the knife to the side. A second officer arrived to assist. Officers told the man several times to get on the ground, and advised they would use force if he resisted. The man seemed to be under the influence of some substance and was not responding right away to commands. The male then complied and moved to the prone cuffing position. As officers tried to get arm control to handcuff him, the man began twisting away and resisting. One officer deployed his TASER to the man's back. The deployment was not effective since one probe hit the ground next to the man and one hit the other officer's hand. Even though the TASER deployment was not successful, the suspect said he did not want to get hurt and became compliant for handcuffing. The investigation confirmed that the suspect had used his knife to cut another male on the face, head, and chest. He was booked into jail for Assault and Possession of a Controlled Substance (methamphetamine).

