



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-099
Incident Number: 2017-20213516
Date of Incident: 10/26/2017
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A Field Training Officer (FTO) and his Officer-in-Training (OIT) initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle Downtown. While the officers were back at their patrol vehicle preparing a citation, an uninvolved male walked up and started yelling at the officers to stop bothering people. He challenged them with a two-foot metal rod that he was holding like a baseball bat. At about twelve feet away from officers, the male screamed, "Shoot me!" and "Do it!" He did not respond to officer commands. The FTO drew his firearm and kept it at the low-ready position while directing his trainee to deploy his TASER. Unfortunately, the device was not operational due to a low battery. After a short time, the male responded to verbal commands and put down the metal rod. He also complied by getting on the ground. Officers handcuffed him. Medics evaluated the suspect and cleared him for jail. Officers transported him to jail and booked him for Obstructing.

