

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-103

Incident Number: 2017-20223048

Date of Incident: 11/10/2017

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Person Bothering call. The caller reported that a male was approaching vehicles in the Taco Bell drive through. The officer saw the male suspect grabbing vehicle door handles and trying to enter. He ordered the suspect to stop and sit at the curb. The suspect initially complied and the officer spoke to the driver, learning that the suspect had tried to get in his car multiple times and he was already on the phone with 911 reporting a possible carjacking. The officer requested another unit as the suspect began walking away from the officer. The suspect refused to comply with verbal commands to stop and sit on the ground. A backup officer arrived to assist. When the suspect saw the backup officer, he charged at the first officer and collided with him. The officer and suspect were on the ground with the backup officer trying to help gain control. The suspect grabbed at both officers, and the backup officer warned the suspect he would use his TASER if the male continued to fight. He deployed his TASER device but it was not effective. The suspect reached back and held on to the officer's TASER device. The officer applied numerous strikes to the suspect's wrist and forearm but the suspect continued to resist. The first officer applied a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint and rendered the suspect unconscious. Officers sought medical clearance at the hospital before booking the suspect for Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct, Disarming an Officer, and Assault charges.

