



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-017
Incident Number: 2018-20036436
Date of Incident: 3/7/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Suicidal call. The caller reported that he had cut a vein in his arm with a razor. Medics attempted to treat him, but he fled on foot. An officer spotted him near the residence and called out to him in English and Spanish to stop. More officers arrived, asked him if he needed help and encouraged him to get medical attention for his bleeding wrist. The man took a razor blade out of his mouth and began cutting on an already serious wound. Officers told him to stop and sit down but he did not follow commands. At that point, officers had several safety concerns for the individual and others. The male was actively harming himself with a razor. He could also be a threat to officers and other community members while suicidal, armed, and not following commands. An officer deployed his TASER device. The male's body tensed up and he fell to the ground. Officers gained control of his arms and detained him. Medics treated him on-scene and transported him to the hospital for further medical and mental health treatment.

