



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-031
Incident Number: 2018-20111238
Date of Incident: 6/12/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person Bothering call. Several callers reported a high or intoxicated male who had been screaming for the last couple of hours. Prior to their arrival, officers learned the suspect had threatened to kill someone and had possibly broken into a home. Officers located the suspect and attempted to detain him without using force through verbal de-escalation techniques. They asked him to sit on the curb, but the suspect screamed, "F--- you!" The officer advised the suspect he was under arrest for Obstructing. He clenched his fists and pounded his chest, telling officers to leave. Officers gave commands for him to get on the ground, and warned him they did not want to use force on him. The suspect took a bladed stance and moved closer to officers. He told officers if they tried to fight him, they would lose. Officers believed the suspect would assault them if they attempted to gain control of the suspect with their hands. One officer deployed his TASER in probe mode, striking the suspect in the stomach region. The suspect experienced neuro-muscular incapacitation and fell to the ground, allowing officers to close distance and handcuff the suspect in the prone position. Officers summoned medics to remove the TASER probes. Officers determined there was probable cause to arrest the suspect for several charges. Officers booked the suspect for felony Harassment, Burglary-Residential, and Obstructing.

