



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-049
Incident Number: 2018-20139234
Date of Incident: 8/5/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Assault call. Several callers reported a male was in the location yelling and screaming at people. He had armed himself with a board with nails in it and was swinging it around. More calls came in that the male was throwing punches and trying to get inside the building where a bible study was taking place (with children attending). Officers arrived and contacted the suspect. They were investigating a number of possible charges, ranging from Trespass to Assault. The suspect refused to follow officer commands and walked away from officers. He appeared to be under the influence of narcotics, as he was screaming incoherently and saying he was a god. Officers attempted to use space and communication to bring a peaceful resolution to the call. The suspect turned towards officers in a bladed stance, with fists clenched. He then moved towards a residence with a citizen on the porch. Officers were concerned that the suspect might enter the residence or assault the citizen. One officer deployed his TASER, but it was only partially effective. The suspect stumbled and removed one of the probes. Three officers tried to get him to the ground but the suspect used muscular strength to resist. A second TASER deployment was successful; the suspect keeled over and officers took him to the ground. Once he was detained him in handcuffs, officers summoned medics to evaluate him and remove the probes. After obtaining medical clearance at the hospital, officers booked him into jail for Criminal Trespass, Malicious Mischief, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing, and Assault.

