

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-051

Incident Number: 2018-20135459

Date of Incident: 7/22/2018

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Disorderly call at a service-enriched housing facility for the homeless. The caller, a security officer, reported that a resident's guest was refusing to leave and was throwing things out the window. When officers arrived, the security officer said the male finally left the building. She requested the male be trespassed from the location. Officers attempted to speak with him, but he was sweating profusely, moving erratically, not making sense, and appeared under the influence of a substance. Officers explained to the male that they needed his full name to complete the trespass paperwork. The man reached into his bag and produced a baseball-sized rock. Officers told him to drop the rock but the male ignored the commands. Officers decided to detain him in handcuffs and approached him to take arm control. The male ran up and tried to hit one of the officers in the head with the rock, but did not make contact. He picked up the rock and started walking backwards. Officers told him he was under arrest for Assault and needed to drop the rock. Officers warned him they would deploy a TASER if he did not comply. An officer deployed his TASER device. The male lost control of his muscles and fell on the ground. Officers rolled him over and placed him in handcuffs. Medics attended to the male. He sustained a cut to his head when he fell on the pavement. Officers transported him to the hospital for treatment and then booked him into jail for Assault and Resisting Arrest.

