



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-078  
Incident Number: 2018-20246610  
Date of Incident: 12/15/2018  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Check Welfare call involving a subject dealing with mental issues. The caller indicated the subject had schizophrenia and had not taken his medications for a few days. He was confused, and needed a mental health evaluation, but he would not cooperate with medics unless police were there. Officers tried to calm the male and negotiate a peaceful resolution. They told him they were not here to hurt him or fight him, but to get him some help. The male was confrontational and said, "I just really want to hurt you." Officers requested medics and backup. The male continued clenching his fists, pacing, and stepping back and forth toward the male officer. Officers attempted to place the male into protective custody to keep him from escalating, but were met with resistance. The male tensed his muscles and tried pulling his arms into his body, away from their grasp. Officers gave commands to stop resisting. The male ripped his arm out of the officer's grasp and struck one officer with a closed fist in the head. The officer pulled out his TASER and told him to get on the ground, as he would use the TASER if the male kept fighting. The officer deployed his TASER but the probes did not make contact, due to the male's heavy clothing. The second officer took out her TASER and warned him to calm down. The male grabbed a shovel, and officers gave him commands to put it down. When he refused to comply, the second officer deployed her TASER and it made contact with the male's stomach and thigh. It had the desired effect and the male fell to the ground. Officers applied handcuffs. Medics removed the probes and transported the male to the hospital to obtain medical clearance. He was later booked into jail for Assault.

