



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-082
Incident Number: 2018-20232405
Date of Incident: 11/23/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers attempted to arrest a suspect on six felony warrants, ranging from Assault to Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle. They knocked on the door of the location. Officers told the suspect that he was under arrest and needed to come outside with his hands up. The suspect drove through the garage door on a motorcycle. He soon lost control on the wet street and wrecked. The suspect put his fists up and bounced in a fighting stance, screaming, "Let's go" and "Come on!" The incident was taking place in the dark and rain in the middle of a major arterial with heavy vehicular traffic. The suspect was wearing a motorcycle helmet and had the advantage of being a very large man (6' 4" and 280 pounds). Officers were able to push him to the ground and use body weight to try to gain control of him. The suspect kept pulling his arms into his waistband area. Officers gave him commands to quit fighting. One officer administered a Level II Lateral Neck Restraint and another utilized his TASER, which contacted the suspect's belt area and thigh with some effect. The neck restraint rendered the suspect unconscious. Officers were able to take him into custody. They summoned medics to evaluate the suspect and remove the TASER probes. After obtaining medical clearance, officers booked him into jail for his outstanding warrants and new charges of Reckless Driving, Assault, and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

