



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### CRAIG N. MEIDL

## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-007  
Incident Number: 2019-20009274  
Date of Incident: 1/15/2019  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An Officer and Reserve Officer made a traffic stop on a reckless driver. The male driver pulled over and exited the vehicle. The male refused to follow commands and began making threats to kill officers. A Reserve Officer pointed her firearm at the male and provided lethal cover after he yelled, "I will murder you" at her. The officer deployed his TASER device, but it had no effect. The male tackled the officer, mounted him, and began assaulting him. The assault included the male trying to gouge the officer's eyes and trying to remove his firearm from his holster. A second officer arrived on-scene and delivered several Level II strikes to the male, which allowed the first officer to wiggle free. Officers tried prone handcuffing but the male was still fighting. Officers applied Level II strikes, which caused the male to go unconscious and allowed officers to handcuff him. The male quickly regained consciousness. Medics treated the male and officers on scene. Another officer discovered children in the car. They had been reported missing earlier that day. The male was booked for Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangerment, Malicious Mischief, Obstructing, Disarming Law Enforcement, and Assault. Both officers involved in the fight were treated at the emergency room for their injuries.

