

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-008

Incident Number: 2019-20012104

Date of Incident: 1/20/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence with a Weapon call. Radio advised the male suspect was armed with a knife and trying to kick in his brother's door. The caller was not sure if the suspect was under the influence of illicit drugs but he had a mental health diagnosis and was suffering a "psychotic break." The male left the house. Officers found him walking near the residence. He did not respond to officer commands. Officers knew he was armed, had been involved with a felony, and was now headed toward a business area. A sergeant told the suspect to stop multiple times and when he did not, the sergeant used the TASER device in probe mode. It had no effect. The sergeant was unable to try a second deployment as the male was approaching him. A second officer tried his TASER, but it also had no effect. Officers grappled with the male and finally handcuffed him and placed him leg restraints. Medics evaluated him. Officers secured his knife and transported him to jail. He was arrested for felony Harassment-DV.

