



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-018

Incident Number: 2019-20028705

Date of Incident: 2/16/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Stabbing call at River Park Square Mall. The suspect had allegedly stabbed a security guard with a knife. Later, officers received information it was a key rather than knife. Officers located the male suspect, who had been pepper sprayed by security. Officers advised him he was under arrest and attempted to handcuff him. The male resisted physical efforts to restrain him. He pulled his hand away from officers and reached under his waistband area where weapons are commonly hidden and easily accessible. Officers did not know if he still had a weapon. One officer deployed the TASER device probes to the suspect's lower back and then immediately moved the TASER to his right upper thigh during the same cycle. The TASER deployment was effective and they were able to detain the male in cuffs. Upon searching him incident to arrest, officers located a handgun concealed in his backpack. The suspect was transported to the hospital for medical clearance. He was later booked into jail for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Assault, Criminal Trespass and Firearms Carrying Violations.

