

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-087

Incident Number: 2019-20220448

Date of Incident: 11/22/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Suspicious Person call involving a trespasser on a front porch at a private residence. As the officer exited his vehicle, the suspect fled on foot. The officer notified dispatch and a second officer who was close by responded as well. The second officer chased the suspect through several yards and ended up alone in a backyard trying to detain the suspect. The officer held him up against a fence and was trying to de-escalate the situation while waiting for backup, calmly talking to him. The suspect pushed through and over the officer in an attempt to continue to flee. After the officer was down on the ground, the suspect began to get up and flee. The officer deployed his TASER and the probes connected with the suspect's upper right arm. The deployment was successful; the suspect fell to the ground and was taken into custody. The suspect was transported to jail and booked for Obstruction.

