

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number:	F19-092
Incident Number:	2019-20236987
Date of Incident:	12/20/2019
Chain of Command Finding:	In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were dispatched to a report of a disorderly suspect at a warming shelter. The suspect was refusing to leave and threatening staff as well as other persons staying at the shelter. When officers made contact, the suspect appeared to be extremely agitated and to be under the influence of drugs. Officers trespassed the suspect out of the shelter. Dispatch later advised the suspect had a felony DOC escape warrant for Riot with a Deadly Weapon. Officers located him a short distance away and advised him that he was under arrest for his warrant. The suspect was non-compliant and attempted to evade officers. At one point, the suspect took a bladed stance and walked directly towards one of the officers. The suspect pushed through the officer and began to run. The officer deployed his TASER, which was not successful due to probe disconnection. The suspect fell to the ground. The suspect continued to resist arrest as officers tried to detain him. He refused to roll to his stomach and attempted to regain his balance and obtain a better fighting platform on the ground. Officers struggled to control him on the ground and one officer tried to apply a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR). The other officer delivered 2-3 closed fist strikes during the altercation. Officers gained control and placed him into handcuffs and leg restraints. Medics on scene cleared the suspect. He was then booked into jail for his warrant and Resisting Arrest.

