



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-095
Incident Number: 2019-20241176
Date of Incident: 12/26/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Medics call. Spokane Fire Department requested assistance with a subject who was refusing medical treatment. They had been called to check on his welfare due to his erratic behavior. The male refused to get onto the gurney to be transported to the hospital, and medics were concerned because his heart rate was so high. He appeared to be under the influence of a substance, possibly a stimulant. The officers who responded attempted to talk to the male, but he was not very responsive. They spent about 30 minutes trying to convince him to get on the gurney. The male ran out into the street and then attempted to open the door of an occupied vehicle. Officers were concerned for the safety of the elderly driver. The male was unsuccessful in gaining entry to the vehicle and ran down the street to an open occupied fast food restaurant. Officers followed him into the restaurant and ordered him not to run. He went in the front counter area and was very agitated. They told the male to lie down, but he refused to comply. Officers tried to negotiate with him, asking him how they could get him to comply. They advised him that they did not want to use force. He approached officers with a balled fist. Based on concern that he may assault officers, and concern for the safety of patrons/employees in the business, an officer deployed his TASER to apprehend the male. The TASER deployment was successful and officers were able to take him into custody. Medics responded to the restaurant and administered a sedative. He was transported to the hospital for treatment. Officers prepared charges for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest.

