



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-002
Incident Number: 2020-20015990
Date of Incident: 1/27/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Assault call. Dispatch advised of a fight in progress in a parking lot downtown. A corporal arrived on-scene and observed a male swinging a belt around violently. The male was yelling at several bystanders and it appeared that the people around him were trying to calm him down. The corporal asked him to settle down, but the male swung the belt around, striking both the ground and building. The manner in which he was swinging the belt could have caused injury to the bystanders. The corporal gave commands to drop the belt and get on the ground. He told the suspect that he if he did not drop the belt, he would use his TASER against him. The suspect complied briefly by dropping the belt and going down to his knees. A moment later, he grabbed the belt and stood up, taking a step towards the group. The corporal deployed his TASER in probe mode. The application was successful and the suspect fell to the ground. He was handcuffed in the prone position. Medics evaluated the suspect and removed the TASER probes. After the suspect received medical clearance, he was booked into jail for Assault and Obstructing.

