



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-004
Incident Number: 2020-2005188
Date of Incident: 2/6/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle with no license plates. The driver initially stopped, but then drove away at a high rate of speed. Later that evening, another officer observed the same vehicle. The officer closed distance and initiated his emergency lights, attempting to stop the vehicle. As the officer exited his vehicle, the driver drove in the direction of the officer. He was forced to re-enter his vehicle and he quickly closed his door as the suspect vehicle drove where he had been standing only moments before. The officer initiated a vehicle pursuit. The suspect again entered a dead-end street and was attempting to turn around when the officer pinned the suspect vehicle with his patrol vehicle. The passengers complied with commands, exited the vehicle, and were detained. One of the passengers had firearm cartridges on his person. The driver did not comply with commands and was actively reaching under the seat and into the front waistband area of her pants. Fearing she was reaching for a weapon, the officer pointed his handgun directly at her and issued commands. A detective, who arrived to assist, also pointed his handgun directly at the suspect. After several minutes, she complied with commands and was removed from the vehicle without further incident. Further investigation revealed that a handgun was thrown from the car during the pursuit. A significant amount of methamphetamine and heroin was discovered on her person. The suspect was transported and booked into jail for Eluding Police, Assault, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and DUI. A passenger was arrested and booked for Eluding and Unlawful Firearms Possession.

