



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-010
Incident Number: 2020-20048051
Date of Incident: 3/19/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call and possible armed Robbery. While officers were on their way to the location, dispatch informed that the suspect had left the scene. Officers were involved in two vehicle pursuits trying to apprehend the suspect. She was involved in a hit and run while fleeing. The suspect was finally stopped by a citizen's vehicle and then officers boxed in the suspect's car to prevent her from escaping. They executed a high-risk vehicle stop. The suspect had a firearm in her waistband. Officers gave her commands to get onto the ground. When she began reaching toward her waist, the officer intentionally pointed his firearm at her while issuing commands. He returned his firearm to low ready position when she moved her hand away from her body. Officers took the suspect into custody without incident. The handgun was a realistic looking replica handgun. While no physical force was used to take the suspect into custody, it is Spokane Police Department policy to conduct a use of force investigation when officers point their firearm directly at a suspect. Officers summoned medics to check on her welfare and clear her for jail. The suspect was booked into jail for Hit and Run, Felony Harassment with a Weapon, Brandishing a Weapon, and Eluding Police.

