



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-013  
Incident Number: 2020-20056551  
Date of Incident: 4/4/2020  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a vehicle prowling call. Upon their arrival, officers located the male suspect sitting inside a vehicle. It appeared he had entered the vehicle illegally, causing damage. Officers gave him commands to exit the vehicle, but he did not comply. He began lighting fires within the vehicle. Officers believed the potential of fire in the vehicle posed a threat to the suspect and to neighboring residences. Officers continued to talk to him while getting a contact team and plan in place. An officer deployed two OC (also known as pepper spray) expulsion devices inside the vehicle in an effort to force the suspect to exit the vehicle. The OC deployment was successful and officers took the suspect into custody without further incident. Medics checked on him. Officers cited and released him with Reckless Burning charges. The suspect was then transported to the hospital for a mental evaluation.

