



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-020
Incident Number: 2020-20082172
Date of Incident: 5/17/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer tried to initiate a traffic stop for reckless driving, but the suspect continued to drive away. The officer continued behind the vehicle with his emergency lights activated. The vehicle then came to a stop a few blocks from the initial traffic stop. The officer attempted to detain the driver. He ordered the driver out of the car and ordered him to show his hands. The driver was non-compliant at first but exited the car. The officer tried to gain arm control, but the suspect twisted away and then shoved the officer. The officer ordered the suspect on the ground but the suspect refused. The officer deployed his TASER device, striking the suspect in the chest. The suspect then swung his arms, intentionally breaking the wires to the probes, and turned towards the officer with fists raised. The officer deployed his TASER for a second time, striking the suspect in the back. With minimal spread between the probes, the TASER application had very little effect on the suspect. During the second application of the TASER, the officer used the drive stun feature and put the device against the male's legs to achieve neuromuscular effect. The application continued to have minimal effect in gaining compliance. Another officer arrived and assisted with placing the suspect into handcuffs. Medics on scene cleared the suspect for jail. He was booked for Assault, Fail to Stop, Resisting Arrest, and Operating a Vehicle without a License. The suspect was also issued a traffic infraction for Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance.

