



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-037

Incident Number: 2020-20140798

Date of Incident: 8/15/2020

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Person Bothering call. The male was reported to be having a yard sale with his items protruding into the street and was argumentative with the neighbors. The officer arrived and asked the male to move the items out of the roadway and legally park his vehicle, as it was blocking the sidewalk. At this time, the officer observed some ammunition in the front seat of the male's pickup, along with a Domino's delivery sign on the top of his vehicle. The officer began to investigate whether the sign was stolen, due to a recent report of a stolen sign. During this time, he observed the barrel and lower half of an AR-15 in the male's pickup. The male had told him that he spent 18 years in federal prison. As the male was a convicted felon and not allowed to possess a gun, there was likely a weapons violation charge. The officer requested backup. The male said the gun was an airsoft gun, and he wanted to call his attorney. He began running into his house. The officer told him to stop, but the male fled. After a short foot pursuit, the officer contacted the suspect and placed him into handcuffs after a short struggle. The suspect complained that the officer tore his rotator cuff, so he was transported to the hospital for evaluation. After receiving medical clearance, he was booked for Resisting Arrest and Obstruction. Another officer obtained a search warrant and searched the residence. He forwarded three counts of Unlawful Possession of Firearms to the Prosecutor's Office.

