



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-038
Incident Number: 2020-20150270
Date of Incident: 8/27/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to Mission park reference a person with a weapon call. The caller reported a male at the location with a handgun and a female screaming "Please stop!" The male and female were with a van parked by the tennis courts. Officers arrived on-scene and detained the described subjects with the van. There was no firearm located at that time. There was no probable cause developed to make an arrest. Officers cleared the scene. A short time later, supervisors requested units to respond back to the location. The involved parties were now involved in a domestic violence incident and were screaming at each other. They both appeared to be under the influence of drugs and / or alcohol. Both parties were separated and there were allegations of the male stealing the female's phone. During the investigation, the male got back into the vehicle in a hasty manner, jumping into the front passenger seat and reached down towards the floor. An officer had observed what appeared to be a handgun on the front passenger floor. The officer intentionally pointed his duty firearm at the suspect while giving him commands to exit the vehicle. When the male came back up to exit the vehicle, the officer lowered his firearm. The male exited the vehicle with his hands empty. The male gave officers permission to retrieve the gun, which was a realistic-looking BB gun. Officers attempted to contact the original complainant, but the call was made from a borrowed phone. The male was arrested for Obstructing police during this investigation. Officers booked him into jail without further incident.

