



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-041  
Incident Number: 2020-20164189  
Date of Incident: 9/18/2020  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Commercial Burglary call. A male had broken a window and entered a business unlawfully. An officer located the male toward the back of the business. The male was confrontational and armed himself with a wooden stick. He appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicant and possibly had mental health issues. After talking with the officer, the suspect dropped the stick but continued to be physically resistive and at times took a fighting stance with closed fists. Other officers attempted to de-escalate the situation by creating distance, verbal commands, multiple officers, and a K9 presence. They spent about 15 minutes talking to him and told him they did not want to use force on him. The suspect refused to comply with officers' requests to get on the ground and put his hands in the air. An officer deployed his TASER, which caused the suspect to fall to the ground. Officers took him into custody. Medics removed the TASER probes. He was booked into jail for Obstruction, Resisting Arrest, Malicious Mischief, Commercial Burglary, and his warrant for Assault.

