



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-048

Incident Number: 2020-20186137

Date of Incident: 10/22/2020

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a reportedly homicidal/suicidal male in the area of the Salvation Army. The male told the complainant he had two 9mm handguns, and threatened to kill the original complainant, responding law enforcement, and others. Dispatchers could hear the threats in the background. One officer arrived first on scene, and advised he saw the suspect in the area and he was running out of view. However, just as the officer was putting his vehicle in Park, the suspect came running at his driver's door full force. The officer initially drew and purposely pointed his firearm at the suspect, giving him commands. He moved the muzzle of his firearm down and away from the suspect, once he knew his hands were clear. He transitioned to his TASER. Once the suspect backed far enough away from the officer's door, the officer quickly opened the door. The suspect was highly agitated, aggressive, and in an unpredictable state. He yelled, "You are him! You are him!" He was approximately three feet away and again began to close distance in the officer's direction. He showed no sign of de-escalating. The officer deployed his TASER device in probe mode. The darts made contact near his left chest and abdomen area. The suspect took a step backwards and then began to turn away, as there did not appear to be neuromuscular incapacitation at that moment. His hands also dropped towards his waistline as he had turned away. The officer deployed a second set of TASER probes, which struck him in the upper right side and mid-back area. This produced the desired effect of neuromuscular incapacitation, resulting in the suspect falling to the pavement. The officer gave the suspect verbal directions to show his hands, as his right hand was tucked under his torso and out of view. Two officers arrived and assisted with prone handcuffing. The suspect made statements that he wanted to die, saying he was going to take officer's guns and shoot himself, and asking police to kill him and shoot him in the head. The suspect was transported to the hospital for a mental evaluation.

