



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-052

Incident Number: 2020-20207439

Date of Incident: 11/30/2020

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A Neighborhood Resource Officer was conducting a prowler check in a business district. She located an abandoned vehicle that had expired tabs parked on the street and was having it towed. She was familiar with the vehicle from previous contacts and had given several warnings. The officer believed the vehicle to be unoccupied after knocking on the door and verbally announcing her presence. She also knew there was a dog associated with the vehicle. Before the tow truck arrived, she opened the back door to check for the dog. She located the suspect, hiding in the back. She had probable cause for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin) from her last contact with him, and he had a felony DOC warrant. He attempted to flee from the car and she was able to get ahold of him. As she was trying to control him, he assaulted her by hitting at her arms and grabbing her gun hand with both of his hands. At one point, he stumbled to the ground and she was able to get to his back and attempt a Level I Lateral Neck Restraint (LNR), which was ineffective. She was then able to access her TASER. She gave him a verbal warning and he continued to struggle. She deployed the TASER into his back, but due to the close proximity of the shot and his large puffy coat, the TASER application was not very effective. He was able to get back to his feet and flee on foot. He was located a short time later and taken into custody. When officers searched him, they located methamphetamine on his person. He was booked for his Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin) charge and warrant, as well as new charges of Obstructing, Resisting Arrest, and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine).

