



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-003
Incident Number: 2021-20008718
Date of Incident: 1/16/2021
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Disorderly call. Complainants reported that a male was high or intoxicated, yelling and swearing, refusing to get out of the alley. The complainant had taken pocket knives from the male and said two officers should respond because the male was acting "very crazy." When officers arrived on the scene, a citizen waved them over. He stated the male down the alley had just got into his truck and assaulted him. Officers saw two males talking part way down the alley. One of the males was waving his arms around wildly and demonstrating erratic behavior. He turned towards the officers when he saw them and walked quickly towards them. Officers told him to "have a seat," indicating towards the side of the alley. He started running at officers in a jogging motion, with his arms swinging like a runner. An officer told him to stay away from him, but he continued running toward him with the same speed. The officer perceived his behavior as assaultive, and deployed a stop kick to the male's midsection to prevent an attack. The male fell to his back on the ground. Officers quickly restrained him in handcuffs and requested medics to evaluate him. The male was agitated and was unable to communicate with officers. Medics administered a sedative, due to the male's thrashing and kicking, and placed him in restraints. Officers interviewed the citizen that the suspect had assaulted; he declined to press charges. The male was transported to the hospital for a mental evaluation under the Involuntary Treatment Act.

