



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-011
Incident Number: 2021-20037052
Date of Incident: 3/8/2021
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller was screaming at a male to get away from her and yelling, "Help me!" before the line went dead. Dispatchers tried multiple times to return the call, but the calls were unanswered. They were able to identify the caller's address. When officers arrived, they could hear the female crying inside. From inside, a male told them to get a warrant and then turned off the lights. Officers used a public address system to give commands for the occupants to come out of the house but neither person exited. Officers forced entry due to exigent circumstances of checking the welfare of the female. As officers made entry, the suspect displayed potentially assaultive behavior, reaching for an unknown item. The supervisor on scene ordered a TASER deployment. An officer deployed his TASER at the suspect. The male fell on the bed and officers were able to handcuff him. One of the TASER probe/wires appeared to malfunction and never made contact with him. The suspect was booked on charges of felony Unlawful Imprisonment.

