



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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### Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-013  
Incident Number: 2021-20060320  
Date of Incident: 4/17/2021  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

#### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Trespassing call at Union Gospel Mission. The caller, a shelter employee, reported a disorderly person outside the shelter armed with a rock. He had walked into the street holding a rock, and it seemed like he might throw the rock at passing cars or people. The staff at the shelter wanted him trespass. Officers arrived and observed that the subject was showing behavior consistent with a behavioral health crisis. He was calling himself “God” and asking officers if they wanted to fight. Officers informed the male that they would be detaining him for his safety and the safety of others, but he started walking away. Officers continued trying to detain him and warned him that force would be used if he was aggressive. The male balled his fists and presented a fighting stance. An officer deployed her TASER at the male, which caused the male to fall to the ground, allowing officers to take the subject into custody. Medics evaluated him on the scene and then he was transported to the hospital on an Involuntary Treatment Act hold.

