



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-018

Incident Number: 2021-20079691

Date of Incident 5/18/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Trouble Unknown call. Dispatch advised a male was saying he was trying to kill someone. Officers arrived and observed two adult males, an elderly female, an adult female, and female child in the front yard. One of the males was confrontational with police and refused numerous times to obey orders to lie on the ground. The male approached officers with clenched fists, visibly angry and verbally challenging officers to fight. During this time, the elderly female was hanging on the suspect, attempting to hold him back as he continued to move towards officers refusing to obey police commands to get on the ground. De-escalation attempts failed with the suspect, who was tall and had a muscular build, weighing approximately 250lbs. The suspect did not respond to officers' commands and continued advancing on officers in an assaultive manner, both physically and verbally. One officer deployed his TASER, which was successful in incapacitating the suspect long enough to safely handcuff him. After being cleared by medics on scene, the suspect was transported to jail and booked for two counts of Assault-Domestic Violence (Strangulation), Malicious Mischief, and Felony Violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order.

