



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-019

Incident Number: 2021-20086847

Date of Incident 5/29/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Crisis call. They were called to an apartment complex where a man appeared to be under the influence of a mind-altering substance and/or was having a mental health crisis. He was reportedly exhibiting violent behavior with a weapon, acting in a threatening manner toward one tenant, who was able to escape into a garage. An officer attempted to de-escalate the situation by using distance and verbal interaction. The suspect appeared to ignore or be unaware of the officer's presence. The suspect then fixated on a second officer and quickly advanced toward him. The second officer had to back-pedal to avoid being attacked. Fearing assault, the first officer applied his TASER to the individual. The officers were able to handcuff him after the successful TASER application. The suspect was treated by medics on scene. He was then transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation. The suspect was charged with Assault.

