



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-020

Incident Number: 2021-20084744

Date of Incident 6/12/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to the area of Underhill Park on a Welfare Check call. The complainant advised she heard a female yelling for someone to get away from her. The female had also been heard requesting someone to help her. This female was accompanied by a male. Officers arrived on-scene and contacted the female. She denied being in an altercation with her boyfriend; however, it appeared her right cheek was swollen. At that time, the male suspect was on foot in the area. Radio advised the male suspect had a felony DOC warrant and was known to carry knives. An officer searched the area and located the suspect just outside the park. When he attempted to make contact, a foot pursuit ensued through Underhill Park. The suspect was non-compliant to officer's commands. In the middle of the park (baseball field), the suspect stopped running and turned, facing the officer. He reached into his back pocket, which was concerning as he had not been searched and was known to carry knives. He was not following orders. The officer was alone and had a responsibility to detain the suspect. The suspect was wanted on a felony DOC detainer and was also involved in a potential domestic violence crime that was under investigation. The officer attempted to gain compliance from the fleeing individual prior to using force. He warned the male of the potential TASER application and performed an arc of the TASER in an effort to get cooperation before ultimately using force, but the suspect was still non-compliant with commands. The officer deployed his TASER to gain control of the suspect. A second officer arrived on-scene and they took the suspect into custody without further incident. Medics removed the TASER probes. The suspect was transported to the hospital for jail clearance. When the suspect was cleared from the hospital, he was booked into jail for his DOC warrant, Obstructing, and Resisting arrest.

