



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-025

Incident Number: 2021-20112182

Date of Incident 7/6/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer conducted a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle. During the high-risk stop, the suspect refused to follow commands. He lit a gas container on fire and threw it at the officer. The suspect then fled on foot and the officer chased after the suspect on foot. The officer caught up with the suspect when the suspect fell after failing to clear a fence. The officer attempted to handcuff the suspect, but the suspect began punching the officer in the face with closed fists. The officer sustained injuries during the attack. The officer delivered three closed fist strikes to the suspect (one to the body and two to the jaw/head). He was then able to handcuff the suspect and take him into custody without further issue. Medics evaluated the suspect and cleared him for jail. The suspect was booked into jail for Assault, Arson, and Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle as well as two felony warrants.

