



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-031

Incident Number: 2021-20107756

Date of Incident 6/29/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a driver who ran a red light and traveled at excessive speed. The officer activated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle, but the driver did not pull over. The officer activated his siren, air horn and emergency lights, but all efforts were unsuccessful. The officer followed the vehicle, which had begun to obey the traffic laws, until the suspect pulled into his driveway. The officer immediately recognized the address. Officers have responded to the location on multiple occasions, including a SWAT call out when the suspect threatened to kill his wife and burn the house down. The driver immediately exited the vehicle after he pulled into the driveway. The officer directed the suspect to get on the ground, but he did not comply. The officer advised him that he was under arrest for failure to stop when requested by an officer. The officer waited for several officers to arrive on-scene before they made a coordinated approach. Officers contacted the driver and placed him in the prone position. The suspect began to actively resist, and the officer attempted to pin his head down on the ground to control him with his hand. The suspect became assaultive and started grabbing the officer by his wrist. The officer deployed his TASER, which was effective, and allowed for officers to take him into custody. Medics attended to the suspect, and then he was transported to jail and booked for Fail to Stop when requested by a Police Officer and Resisting Arrest.

