



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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### Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-040

Incident Number: 2021-20157532

Date of Incident 9/13/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

#### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a commercial burglary alarm. Upon arrival, they discovered a large picture window was shattered and the opening was large enough for a person to gain entry. Officers saw a male inside the building through the window. The man fled out the back and was carrying an armload of items that appeared to be merchandise. Officers had probable cause under the circumstances for 2nd Degree Burglary on the fleeing suspect. One officer ran along the side of the building to try to catch the fleeing suspect. A second officer paralleled the foot pursuit on the other side of the building. This contained the path of the fleeing suspect. One officer tackled the man to the ground. The second officer used force to pin the suspect's shoulder to the ground. The suspect was quickly handcuffed. The man claimed to have a pre-existing head injury and claimed that he hit his head when he was taken to the ground. He was transported to the hospital by AMR for evaluation. After he was medically cleared for booking, the suspect was booked into jail for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Commercial Burglary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Malicious Mischief, and Obstructing.

