



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-043

Incident Number: 2020-20176231

Date of Incident 10/6/2020

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were summoned to a traffic hazard at 2nd and Thor. Officers were advised that the individual had been running into traffic, had thrown himself into a vehicle, and was possibly run over by a vehicle tire. Citizens were trying to restrain the male. Two officers attempted to restrain him in handcuffs. After he was restrained in handcuffs, the male vomited. He was placed on his side in the recovery position, and then resisted officers by struggling against his restraints. He became unresponsive, and officers removed the handcuffs and began medical intervention. AMR arrived and took over medical intervention. The male later died at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Spokane County Sheriff's Office investigated the officers' actions to restrain the male. The Spokane County Prosecutor's Office found no wrongdoing by the officers' use of body weight and handcuffing to restrain the individual, who suffered a medical emergency.

