



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-045

Incident Number: 2021-20174604

Date of Incident 10/9/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person Bothering call. Callers had reported a male walking around their businesses downtown, brandishing uncapped hypodermic syringes. Officers located the suspect blocking the doorway of a business with syringes in hand. They recognized the suspect and knew he had a warrant. Officers gave commands for him to put the needles down, which the suspect disregarded. Officers tried to de-escalate the situation for 35 minutes. The suspect tried to flee at one point, and then reached into his coat (possibly to access a weapon). At that point, one officer deployed his TASER and the other deployed a Pepperball (pepper spray) weapon. Officers took him into custody. The suspect was evaluated at a hospital and medically cleared. He was booked into jail for his warrant (1st Degree Trespass) and new charges of Resisting Arrest, Obstruction, and Disorderly Conduct.

