



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-048

Incident Number: 2021- 20166405

Date of Incident 9/26/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Robbery call. They were able to develop probable cause for 2nd Degree Robbery against the suspect. They located him a short time later at the STA plaza. Officers advised the suspect that he was under arrest. As soon as the officers attempted arm control, the man attacked one of the officers by striking him and grabbing him around his neck. The suspect was impairing the officer's ability to breathe. The officer applied two closed fist strikes to the suspect's face. The targeting of the face with a closed fist strike is considered an exceptional technique but was determined to be appropriate under the circumstances. The suspect appeared to have some experience ground fighting and was attempting to maneuver himself into a position of advantage over the officer. The second officer utilized a TASER on the suspect's thigh and then officers were able to gain control of the suspect and take him into custody. The suspect was booked into jail for 2nd Degree Robbery, 3rd Degree Assault, 4th Degree Assault, 3rd Degree Malicious Mischief, 3rd Degree Theft, and Resisting Arrest.

