



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-050

Incident Number: 2021-20199168

Date of Incident 11/19/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Assault call. The suspect had approached a random citizen standing in front of an apartment building and had assaulted him with punches. Police located the suspect. Probable cause was developed for Assault 4th Degree (this was later changed to felony assault due to the extent of victim injury, which was unknown at the time). The suspect exhibited drastic mood swings and an aggressive posture, saying he would not go back to jail. He talked about fighting anyone, told officers to shoot him, and closed distanced on officers a few times. Officers requested additional resources of a Behavioral Health Unit, supervisor, and less lethal (pepper ball) due to the suspect's behavior. He also had an 3rd Degree Assault – Domestic Violence (DV) warrant. Officers told the suspect he was under arrest, but he began running from the scene. Officers ordered him to stop and used the arc function of their TASERs to warn him. The suspect refused to comply and continued running. Officers were concerned about other citizens that were in the immediate area. One officer deployed his TASER, but it was not successful. One probe was later found in the grass at the location of discharge and one probe was found at the location of arrest. The suspect continued running until he slipped on wet grass. The suspect then refused to follow commands and balled up his body in a defensive, resistive manner. Officers wrestled with the suspect in a prone handcuffing position until he was eventually handcuffed. He was booked into jail for Assault, Resisting Arrest, and his felony warrant.

