



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-049

Incident Number: 2022-20155717

Date of Incident: 9/9/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Assault call at High Bridge Park. A suspect had reportedly started a fire and assaulted a citizen with a rock, causing injury. SPD assembled a multi-force contact/arrest team. Officers tried to convince the suspect to voluntarily surrender, but the suspect was immediately very agitated and defiant. He did not respond to verbal de-escalation tactics and fled on foot. During the incident, the suspect refused to show his hands and partially concealed himself in the brush. The suspect emerged from the brush as an officer caught up to him. The officer perceived an impending assault and deployed a blast of pepper spray. The pepper spray appeared to miss the suspect, who was fleeing. Other officers took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect was then transported to jail and booked for a felony warrant, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Assault, and Resisting Arrest.

