



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-050

Incident Number: 2022-20164744

Date of Incident: 9/16/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Recovered Stolen Vehicle call. The caller reported she found her vehicle, which had been stolen, in a store parking lot. SPD Dispatch advised officers of the suspect in that incident. Officers contacted the suspect. The suspect refused officers' commands to stop, as well as to not reach to his waistband. The suspect repeatedly reached into his waistband, and officers and witnesses all believed the suspect was reaching for a weapon. At that point, an officer struck the suspect in the face with a closed fist two times. The suspect stopped reaching into his waistband and officers were able to take him into custody. The item he was reaching for was not a weapon. A large quantity of narcotics was subsequently found in the suspect's shorts. The suspect was booked into jail for Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Resisting Arrest.

