

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-053

Incident Number: 2022-20180998

Date of Incident: 10/11/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer responded to a Welfare Check call. He observed two males that appeared to be passed out inside of a car. The officer did not make initial contact and summoned backup officers. As the officer was waiting for backup officers to arrive, the driver suddenly woke up and rammed the officer's vehicle numerous times, along with the unoccupied vehicles on either side. The officer used his vehicle to pin the suspect's vehicle. The driver and passenger then jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot. The passenger sprinted directly at the officer. The officer deployed his TASER on the male passenger. The TASER deployment was effective, and the passenger fell to the ground. The officer handcuffed the passenger and had medics treat him and remove the probes. The driver was apprehended after a foot pursuit. The vehicle was confirmed to be stolen and was impounded as evidence for the crime of 2nd Degree Assault. The passenger was booked for 3rd Degree Assault, 2nd Degree Taking a Vehicle without Permission, and Obstructing. The driver was evaluated at the hospital due to his drug intoxication. After he was cleared, he was booked for 2nd Degree Assault, DUI, Hit and Run, Driving with a Suspended License and 2nd Degree Taking a Vehicle without Permission. During a search of the vehicle later at the evidence facility, a handgun was located in the backseat.

