



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-055

Incident Number: 2022-20134271

Date of Incident: 8/9/2022

Chain of Command Finding: Not In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A detective was conducting surveillance when he witnessed a robbery in progress. He followed the suspect vehicle until it stopped, and then two passengers fled on foot. The detective caught up to the suspects. He pointed his firearm directly at one suspect while giving the suspects commands to get on the ground and to get in a prone handcuffing position. He took both suspects into custody.

The chain of command determined that the use of force was not in compliance with policy. The officer pointed his firearm directly at the robbery subject for more than a momentary period of time. The direct pointing of a firearm at a suspect under these circumstances is not consistent with department training, as he should have lowered his firearm sooner. The officer's supervisor provided training on the department's firearms training philosophy.

