



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-062

Incident Number: 2022-20196976

Date of Incident: 11/4/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to the report of a hit-and-run collision where a male suspect was fleeing the scene on foot. An officer near the location located a male matching the description of the suspect several blocks away on foot. The officer was wearing an external vest carrier with "Police" markings clearly visible. He initiated contact with the male suspect and identified himself as a police officer. The suspect fled on foot with the officer in foot pursuit. A lieutenant arrived on scene to assist. The suspect stopped running. The officer and lieutenant attempted to de-escalate the situation, telling the suspect that he was under arrest and to stop moving. The suspect was non-compliant, hiding his hand near his waistband. While walking toward the officers, he told the officers he wanted to die and had nothing to lose, and that they would have to shoot him. The lieutenant deployed his TASER, which was successful. The suspect fell and was taken into custody without further incident. Medics attended to the suspect. He was booked into jail for a felony warrant, Making False Statements, Resisting Arrest, and Obstructing. Later in the collision investigation, the suspect was also charged with Hit and Run.

