



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-063

Incident Number: 2022-20221285

Date of Incident: 12/14/2022

Chain of Command Finding: Not In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle call at the location. Officers responded and discovered the vehicle had been reported stolen and appeared to be occupied. Officers pinned the vehicle in to prevent it from escaping. Officers approached the vehicle to check for occupants. One officer used his pistol-mounted light to look inside the vehicle. There was tint and fogging on the windows. He saw occupants inside and intentionally pointed his firearm at them, giving them commands for about 30 seconds before lowering his pistol and moving to a different position.

The chain of command determined that the use of force was not in compliance with policy. The officer did not have justification to point his firearm directly at the subjects. The officer was brand-new and just out of the training car. The officer's supervisor provided training on the department's firearms training philosophy.

