



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-064

Incident Number: 2022-20221942

Date of Incident: 12/15/2022

Chain of Command Finding: Not In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were dispatched to an Accident with Injury call. One of the people involved in the collision needed to be arrested (after he was treated at the hospital). The male had several warrants, including felony Harassment-Threats to Kill. He was also currently violating a Domestic Violence Protection Order as he was with the protected party. The male was transported to Deaconess Hospital for treatment of his injuries from the collision - abrasions and a laceration. During the treatment, the suspect escaped custody, so the officer pursued the suspect on foot. The officer told him to stop multiple times, but the suspect kept running. While confronting the suspect outside the hospital, the officer deployed his TASER. The suspect fell, landing in the prone position. The officer placed him in handcuffs. He was transported back to the hospital for evaluation and treatment of injuries he sustained prior to officer contact. While at the hospital, the suspect also assaulted an emergency room technician. The suspect was later booked into jail for DV Order Violation, 3rd Degree Assault, 3rd Degree Escape, Resisting Arrest, and his warrants.

The chain of command determined that the use of force was not in compliance with policy, as the fleeing suspect was not exhibiting assaultive behavior at the time leading up to the TASER application. The chain of command also stated that the suspect's erratic behavior and violent history were concerning to the officer. The officer received remedial TASER training, including a review of TASER policy.

