

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-040

Incident Number: 2023-20145613

Date of Incident: 7/24/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The male suspect had tried to set his house on fire with people inside and had also tried to set one of his roommates on fire. When officers arrived, the suspect barricaded himself in his room. While the officers were inside the residence, the suspect lit a blanket on fire, putting his roommates, neighbors, and officers in danger. The suspect refused to comply with officers' commands. One officer deployed his TASER; the deployment was successful as the suspect stopped lighting the blanket on fire and retreated. Officers were able to extinguish the fire shortly after it was lit. When the suspect came out with an aerosol can and tried to start another fire, an officer used the Pepper Ball (pepper spray) to stop the suspect. Officers took him into custody. The suspect was immediately offered aid from medics. He was booked into jail for 1st Degree Assault-DV, 1st Degree Arson-DV, and Resisting Arrest.

