

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number:	F23-048
Incident Number:	2023-20178292
Date of Incident:	9/6/2023
Chain of Command Finding:	In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Shooting call. Multiple people called to report that a male had been shot and the male with the gun had fled. Dispatch relayed the description of the suspect and the approximate location. An officer observed a male matching the description of the suspected shooter, close to the scene. When the officer contacted the male, the male immediately tried to hide his identity. The suspect put his hands in his waistband, where weapons are commonly kept. In response, the officer pulled out his handgun and gave the suspect commands. The officer told the suspect that if he did not comply, he could be shot. The suspect still refused to comply with commands and continued walking away from the officer. He then tossed something into the bushes. At that point, the officer intentionally pointed his firearm at the suspect while giving him commands. The suspect began to follow commands and was taken into custody without further incident once other officers arrived on scene. Officers recovered the firearm he tossed into the bushes. The suspect was arrested for 1st Degree Assault in relation to the shooting and was linked to another homicide from earlier in the day.

