



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-051
Incident Number: 2023-20201590
Date of Incident: 10/9/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer recognized an individual whom he knew to have a warrant. He contacted the male, who had two large knives in sheaths on his belt. The officer instructed the male to have a seat and radioed for backup officer to help with the arrest. The male fled and the officer chased after him. One of the knives fell to the ground. The suspect ran into the back yard of a nearby residence and was trapped as it was fenced. The officer gave the suspect commands, but the suspect refused to comply. The suspect picked up a large wooden plank, intending to use it as a weapon. The officer warned the male not to assault him and ordered him to get on the ground. When the suspect did not comply, the officer deployed his TASER. The first deployment was not successful because one of the probes hit the plank, but the second deployment had the desired effect. The suspect fell and was arrested without further incident. After he was evaluated by medical personnel, he was booked into jail for 2nd Degree Assault, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing, and his warrant.

