



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-053
Incident Number: 2023-20204933
Date of Incident: 10/14/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was working extra-duty when he developed probable cause that a suspect had shoplifted from the store. As she exited the store, the officer told her to stop. She fled on foot. The officer gave chase and pushed her to the ground to facilitate taking her into custody. The suspect struck her knees on the ground, causing abrasions. She was handcuffed without further incident. Due to her being previously trespassed from the store, she was booked into jail for felony Commercial Burglary, and Obstructing.

While the officer's use of force (a push) was determined to be within policy, he was found to be in violation of SPD's De-escalation policy. He received training on the importance of proper de-escalation techniques.

