



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-057
Incident Number: 2023-20191213
Date of Incident: 9/25/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer was conducting a routine patrol check of businesses when he saw a male trespassing in a clearly marked "No Trespass" area. The officer contacted the male. The suspect had an unknown item in his hand and there was a box cutter style bladed tool that was observed on the ground nearby during this contact. The officer warned the suspect that he was being detained and was not free to leave. He told the suspect to drop the item in his hand. The suspect refused, so the officer told him he would be placing him in handcuffs. When the officer attempted to detain the suspect into handcuffs, he became resistive, tensing his muscles and pulling away from the officer. The officer took him down to the ground for prone handcuffing to gain better control of the suspect. The officer was able to get right arm control but could not gain control of the suspect's left hand, which was under the suspect's body. Due to the suspect possibly having a weapon, the officer applied a knee strike to the torso, which allowed him to gain control of both hands. Once the suspect was handcuffed, he advised officers that he was uninjured and did not need medics. The suspect did not sustain any visible injuries. The suspect was booked into jail for 2nd Degree Criminal Trespass, Obstructing, and his felony warrant.

