



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-064
Incident Number: 2023-20246084
Date of Incident: 12/15/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer saw two subjects handling packages from a closed business in the middle of the night. The officer stopped the individuals. One of the individuals had been holding packages that were addressed to a Chas Health Clinic. The officer frisked the suspect for weapons and asked the suspect to sit on the bumper of his patrol car. The suspect gave a false name and refused to voluntarily identify himself, so the officer attempted to place the suspect in handcuffs to safely detain him. The suspect broke free from the officer's attempt at handcuffing and ripped his hands away. The suspect spun around, facing the officer. The officer believed that the suspect was going to assault him, so he made the decision to drop down and grab the suspect's legs, utilizing a takedown technique. The technique was successful, and the suspect was placed in a prone position for the best level of control. A second officer assisted in applying handcuffs and the suspect was detained without further incident. After he was handcuffed, the suspect complained of breathing difficulty. The officer was able to quickly move the suspect into a recovery position and verbally confirmed the suspect was breathing better. Officers noticed that the suspect had a small cut over his eye and requested medics. The suspect also complained of dizziness. He was transported to a hospital for medical clearance prior to being booked into jail for a fugitive felony warrant, Making a False or Misleading Statement, Controlled Substance Possession, and Obstruction.

