

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-071

Incident Number: 2023-20254198

Date of Incident: 12/28/2023

Chain of Command Finding: Not In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers had developed probable cause to arrest a suspect for 2nd Degree Assault and went to a recent address to further their investigation with him. While officers were at the address, the suspect arrived, observed officers, and fled on foot into the neighborhood. Officers gave chase but lost the suspect. A perimeter was established; K9 and Air Support units arrived. After searching for the suspect for nearly two hours, officers located the suspect. An officer intentionally pointed a firearm at the suspect while taking him into custody.

The Chain of Command reviewed the incident and determined that the officer was out of compliance with policy because he pointed his firearm at the suspect for a prolonged period. The suspect was compliant, so the pointing of the firearm was not warranted. The officer received a Documentation of Counseling and a day of firearm training.

