



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

### JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F24-018  
Incident Number: 2024-20040277  
Date of Incident: 3/3/2024  
Chain of Command Finding: In compliance with policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer conducted a traffic stop, as the vehicle had damaged brake lights and the passenger was not wearing his seatbelt. During the stop, the passenger provided a fake name. As the officer walked back to the patrol vehicle, the suspect exited the passenger seat and fled, running northbound from the vehicle. The officer engaged in a foot pursuit to catch him. The officer caught the suspect in the alleyway and took him to the ground to detain him. The officer gave repeated commands, "Stop fighting," but the suspect continued to resist arrest. He became assaultive, striking the officer in the face. Due to the proximity, the officer was unable to use other tools such as pepper spray or a TASER to gain control of the male. The officer struck the suspect in the face with a closed fist strike. He was then able to take the suspect into custody. The suspect sustained minor injuries from falling while running from the officer and the closed fist strike. He was treated on scene by medics. Officers booked the suspect into jail for 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Assault, Possession of Drugs, Providing False and Misleading Statements, Obstructing, and his felony warrant.

