



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-018
Incident Number: 2023-20043341
Date of Incident: 3/6/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Threat call. The victims reported that the suspect was armed with a handgun and had threatened to kill them. He also made threats to kill a law enforcement officer. Officers had probable cause to arrest the suspect for one count of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, two counts of felony Harassment, one count of 3rd Degree Malicious Mischief. He was also wanted for two more counts of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm from a separate incident and one count of Eluding from another incident. He was in possession of an AR-15 style rifle from the past incident. The suspect was not there when officers arrived but was located the next day in an apartment. There was also another male inside the apartment, who was wanted for a felony fugitive warrant out of Idaho. Specialty teams Hostage Negotiation Unit, SWAT, Drone, and Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) arrived to help with the apprehension of the suspects. Officers and specialty team members made several attempts over the next four hours to communicate with both males inside. Both suspects made no attempts to surrender peacefully or communicate with officers on scene. Use of force warnings were given on several occasions and a noise flash diversion device (NFDD) was deployed on the exterior of the apartment. An EDU robot was inserted into the apartment through the open front door. Communication attempts were made through the robot speaker and again no attempts to communicate were made by the suspects inside. Officers deployed a flameless tri-chamber OC (pepper spray) device utilizing the EDU robot. Shortly after the chemical agent was deployed, the two suspects exited the apartment and were taken into custody. They were booked into jail for the above charges.

