



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-062/K23-013
Incident Number: 2023-20201320
Date of Incident: 10/9/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

SIU Detectives and other units located the vehicle of a Domestic Violence (DV) suspect. Detectives had probable cause to arrest the suspect for 1st Degree Burglary-DV, 2nd Degree Assault-DV, and he had several felony warrants for violating a DV protection order. Officers had investigated the domestic violence crimes earlier in the day. The suspect had entered his ex-girlfriend's residence and violently assaulted her with blunt force trauma. He had fled the scene prior to police arrival. The victim was transported to the hospital with significant head and facial injuries.

Officers received information that the suspect was in possession of a handgun and had allegedly pointed the gun at a neighbor yesterday. Based on the threat factors of the suspect's criminal history, being potentially armed with a gun, and making "suicide by cop" type statements, additional resources were requested.

When the suspect's vehicle was parked and stationary, the SWAT team was able to move in and pin the vehicle. SWAT operators made law enforcement announcements and advised the suspect he was under arrest. The suspect did not comply with directives; he refused to exit the vehicle and turned the incident into a vehicle barricade situation. Officers utilized de-escalation tactics and continued communication with the suspect from distance and cover. The suspect made suicidal statements and expressed his desire to die. A Noise Flash Diversionary Device was utilized near the vehicle, but the suspect did not exit. There were several volleys of pepper ball deployed into the vehicle with little to no effect. After approximately 30 minutes, the suspect exited the vehicle but did not comply with commands. At one point, the suspect faced the officers and told them to shoot him. Due to the suspect's continued non-compliance, a K9 was deployed to apprehend the suspect. The force was effective and provided an opportunity for officers to safely close distance with a shield team and take the suspect into custody.



SWAT medics and medical personnel treated the suspect at the scene prior to transporting him to the hospital. The suspect was cleared at the hospital. The suspect was booked into jail for the charges listed above and his warrants.

Note: This incident is the same as K23-013. The incident has two tracking numbers as each K9 incident is tracked separately.

