Incident Summaries 2018 Use of Force Incidents Involving Asian/Pacific Islander Individuals

How did the incidents begin? Did officers initiate contact?

There were two use of force incidents involving Asian/Pacific Islander individuals in 2018. One incident originated as a call for service. The officer initiated contact with the subject in the other case, after confirming that he had stolen a car.

What was the severity of the crime or need for community caretaking in each situation? Both incidents ended with felony arrests.

Are the same officers repeatedly using force on Asian/Pacific Islander individuals and are their contacts officer-initiated?

No officers were involved in more than one use of force incident with an Asian/Pacific Islander. In both cases, the K9 handler did not initiate contact, but responded to a request to come to the scene for assistance after a suspect had fled the scene.

Call for Service Incident:

K18-021 / 2018-20178210

Officers responded to a Burglary Alarm call at Grocery Outlet. Officers saw that suspects had thrown rocks through the glass doors of the closed business and had stolen alcohol before fleeing. Officers asked for a K9 track to find the suspects. The K9 officer began tracking the area, giving announcements such as "Stop, or my dog will bite you!" to the suspects. The K9 contacted one male, and officers saw the other suspect nearby. Officers placed them into handcuffs. Officers interviewed the males and watched store security video, which confirmed the burglary and theft. Officers transported the injured male to the hospital for treatment and then booked him into jail for Burglary, Malicious Mischief, and Theft.

Officer-Initiated Incident:

K18-020 / 2018-20169308

A Spokane Police proactive investigative team placed a "bait" car in an area where several vehicle thefts had occurred. Using GPS mapping, an officer confirmed that someone had stolen the vehicle. She began to follow the stolen vehicle. Her sergeant disabled the vehicle, which caused the driver to pull over. When the suspect jumped out of the car and fled on foot, a K9 officer assisted with apprehending him. Officers transported the male to the hospital for treatment, and then booked him into jail for Possession of a Stolen Vehicle and Theft.