



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-066
Incident Number: 2017-20142789
Date of Incident: 7/23/2017
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call. The caller reported that her neighbor had threatened her and her family with a knife as they got into their vehicle. The suspect then drove off. Officers interviewed the victim, who explained that she had had ongoing issues with the neighbor acting strangely. He had been outside waving a sword and yelling. Over the last two days, this suspect had fled police in his vehicle, and he had barricaded himself inside his residence twice, avoiding contact with police and mental health professionals.

Officers developed probable cause for Intimidation with a Weapon and determined that his actions were causing a potential danger to the public. He needed a psychological evaluation at the hospital. Officers approached him as he was heading into his house. He ignored officer commands to stop and moved with his arms raised and fists balled up. Officers told him to get on the ground but he did not comply. Although his hands were clear, officers thought there was a knife in the male's back pocket. He had been carrying knives, sticks, and swords over the past two days. One officer deployed a mini noise flash bang diversionary device. Another officer deployed his TASER. It did not stop the male from being able to use his arms, but it did provide a distraction that allowed officers to take him into custody. The male did have a knife in his pocket. Medics responded to remove the TASER probes and transported him to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation hold. He was cited for Unlawful Carrying/Handling of Weapons.

