



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-079 – Deadly Force
Incident Number: 2017-20185893
Date of Incident: 9/18/2017
Prosecutor Finding: Justified Use of Deadly Force
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

From the Prosecutor's declination letter:

The officer was justified in his use of deadly force. He had probable cause to believe the suspect posed a threat of serious physical harm to the officers or others given that the suspect had arrest warrants for violent offenses involving the use of firearms, as well as an armed and dangerous designation and being a suspect in a murder. Additionally, the suspect was attempting to escape after being told he was under arrest and was given a verbal warning by the officer that he would be shot if he did not stop. The officer articulated a good faith belief that he was acting justifiable based on all the information he had about the suspect, and there is no evidence he acted with malice. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed.

Chief's Determination

Per Chief Meidl, the deadly and non-deadly uses of force (Intentional Pointing of a Firearm) were found to be within policy.

