



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### CRAIG N. MEIDL

## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F17-106– Deadly Force

Incident Number: 2017-20235296

Date of Incident: 11/28/2017

Prosecutor Finding: Justified Use of Deadly Force

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

#### From the Prosecutor's declination letter:

Officers were justified in their use of deadly force. The suspect was armed with a deadly weapon, a 9mm handgun. The suspect opened fire on the officers. It was reasonable for the officers to assume that the suspect posed a "threat of serious physical harm." Additionally, the officers had probable cause to arrest the suspect for two counts of First Degree Assault, a serious violent offense, for shooting at his ex-girlfriend and pointing a gun at her son. Finally, there is no evidence the officers were acting with malice, or evil intent. The evidence indicates they were acting with a good faith belief that their actions were justified under the statute. Therefore, no criminal liability attaches.

#### Chief's Determination

Per Chief Meidl, the deadly uses of force were found to be within policy.

