



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-001
Incident Number: 2018-20002583
Date of Incident: 1/4/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence with a Weapon call. The caller reported her father was intoxicated and she had to take a gun from him. There were numerous other firearms in the residence. When officers arrived, they established probable cause for Felony Harassment-DV as the suspect had threatened to shoot his wife in the head. The suspect had also mentioned suicide by cop. Officers were able to get all of the family members out of the house, leaving only the suspect at the residence. Officers asked the suspect to come out and talk peacefully, but he refused to leave his porch. During the brief standoff, the suspect threw a black semiautomatic gun into the front yard. He claimed it was a BB gun, but officers were unable to confirm that at the time. The suspect went in and out of the front door several times while officers were talking with him. It was exigent that officers take him into custody to eliminate his access to firearms, as he had access to firearms that were both inside and outside in the front yard. Officers developed a multi-force option contingency plan. They deployed a flash-bang noise distraction device and a 40mm blunt impact munition launcher. The 40mm blunt impact round was successful in distracting him. Officers tackled him and handcuffed him. A K9 handler had deployed his K9 as well, but the K9 did not contact the suspect or cause any injury. Officers transported the suspect to the hospital for medical clearance and then booked him into jail for Felony Harassment. Officers arranged for a mental health evaluation at jail.

