



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-007  
Incident Number: 2018-20018796  
Date of Incident: 1/29/2018  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence with a Weapon call. One caller reported bursts of gunshots. Another caller reported that she and her husband were arguing. He fired off rounds out the window near her and her infant son while sitting in their car. The male exited the car and was last seen in the area on foot. Officers determined there was probable cause for Assault-Domestic Violence as well as potential charges for Reckless Endangerment and Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm. The male had made suicidal statements and was still armed with a handgun. While checking the area, an officer encountered the suspect near his residence. The officer directed the male to show his hands. The suspect immediately withdrew a handgun from his sweatshirt and placed it in his mouth. The officer drew his firearm and aimed at the suspect, continuing to give commands. The suspect walked away from the officer and shot himself in the head, falling to the ground. Medics confirmed he was deceased. Major Crimes Unit responded to investigate.

