



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F18-073
Incident Number: 2018-20238302
Date of Incident: 12/3/2018
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence (DV) with a Weapon call. The caller reported she was hiding in the bathroom with her children and needed help, stating she was not free to talk. She was afraid of her intoxicated boyfriend, who had assaulted her. There were numerous unsecured guns in the house. Upon arrival, officers knocked on the door. Through the window, they could see a male inside, yelling at the bathroom door. The suspect obtained a handgun from the closet and walked to the window, pointing the gun at officers. Officers were concerned that the suspect might shoot into the bathroom or at them. Officers intentionally pointed their handgun at the suspect, giving him verbal commands to drop the firearm. He complied and dropped the gun but continued to move around. Officers breached the door and handcuffed him. No one was injured. Officers located the victim and the children. The suspect's handgun had a loaded magazine and a round in the chamber. He was booked for Assault-DV, Unlawful Imprisonment-DV, and three counts of Assault with a Firearm.

