



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-031

Incident Number: 2019-20062021

Date of Incident: 4/10/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

An officer observed a suspicious vehicle and ran the vehicle license plate through the Department of Licensing database. He saw that the driver had a valid Domestic Violence No Contact Order protecting her from a male who was associated with the vehicle on prior stops. The officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle and requested backup. Officers determined that the male passenger was the male in the No Contact Order. Officers informed the male he was under arrest and ordered him out of the vehicle. The driver exited the vehicle but the suspect refused to exit. He displayed a knife toward officers and told officers they would have to shoot him. Additional resources arrived to help with the situation. Two SWAT officers on duty came on scene and set up multi-force options. The Hostage Negotiator Team arrived and took over verbal communication. The suspect initially threw the knife out of the window but advised the only way officers could take him into custody was if they killed him. Officers did not know if he had more weapons in the vehicle. After negotiating with the suspect for over 90 minutes, negotiators advised that negotiations were failing and made a plan to introduce oleoresin capsaicin (OC) into his vehicle to force him to exit. An officer deployed the OC spray, also called pepper spray, into the vehicle. After the OC deployment, the suspect exited the vehicle and officers took him into custody. Medics provided medical clearance for the suspect on scene. Officers transported him to jail and booked him for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine), Resisting Arrest, and violation of the No Contact Order.

