



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F19-069
Incident Number: 2019-20158690
Date of Incident: 8/22/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

SPD officers assisted a Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper involved in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle by himself, where the vehicle had been abandoned and the suspect fled on foot. The suspect was seen running into a garage. Officers could hear the suspect inside the garage of the location and attempted to contact him. The suspect barricaded himself in the attic and refused all commands to surrender. He was able to crawl through the attic and attached breezeway into the attic. After a series of unsuccessful negotiations and attempts to apprehend him, an officer deployed two T-16's (OC expulsion canisters) into the attic. The suspect further secreted himself into the attic and refused to surrender. He threw one of the canisters back outside. Officers could hear him crawling further away from the garage access area. A K9 officer deployed his K9 into the attic to attempt apprehension of the suspect. The K9 located and contacted the suspect, and the suspect began to assault the K9, threatening to kill it. The K9 officer recalled his K9 without apprehending the suspect and decided not to re-insert him into the attic. Another officer deployed additional OC into the opening because the suspect was still not following commands. He finally emerged from his hiding spot and began following verbal commands. Officers took him into custody. WSP took the lead on this investigation. He received medical treatment for his K9 contact at the hospital. The suspect was charged with Vehicle Theft, Eluding and multiple counts of Burglary.

Note: This incident is the same as K19-024. Internal Affairs issued two tracking numbers for the same incident because K9 deployments are tracked separately.

