



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K19-012
Incident Number: 2019-20083272
Date of Incident: 5/9/2019
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call. The caller reported a male was outside screaming that he wanted to be shot or he was going to shoot someone. The male was waving the handgun around before he eventually sat down on the front steps and placed the gun on the ground next to him. As officers started to arrive on scene, he picked up the gun and pointed it at the officers. Officers responded to this deadly threat by pointing their firearms at him while issuing commands to drop the weapon and put his hands up. The suspect put the gun to his head and then dropped the gun on the ground. He walked outside the front gate and closed the gate as he was ordered to lay on the ground. At first, he followed verbal commands but then refused to stay on the ground and started walking back towards the gun. He appeared intoxicated. Officers did not want him to get back in the yard and arm himself or barricade himself inside the residence. A supervisor advised units on scene that they would use a multi-force options plan if the suspect attempted to re-enter the front gate near the gun. The plan included a “flash bang” noise distraction device, a “less-lethal” 40mm blunt impact weapon, and a K9 deployment. When the suspect stood up and started to walk towards the front gate, officers deployed a K9 from the east and the flash bang device. Two officers deployed their 40mm round impact weapons. The use of the multi-force options were successful as the suspect fell to the ground. Officers took him into custody and secured his firearm. They cleared the house to make sure no one was injured inside. Medics attended to the suspect, who was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. Once he was medically cleared, he was booked into jail for four counts of Assault.

Note: This incident is the same as F19-038. Internal Affairs issued two tracking numbers for the same incident because K9 deployments are tracked separately.

