

SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K19-019

Incident Number: 2019-20131471

Date of Incident: 7/15/2019

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Patrol officers responded to a Neighborhood Issue call. Officers discovered there were multiple calls for service about the suspect harassing his neighbors. The neighbor had been throwing large rocks at people outside, including a young child. The size of the rocks could cause severe physical injury including significant head trauma and death. Officers developed probable cause to arrest the suspect for Malicious Mischief and Reckless Endangerment. They contacted the suspect at his residence and told him he was under arrest, but he did not come out. Officers made announcements over the public address system for two hours, but the suspect refused to surrender. The situation was especially risky because he had barricaded himself inside an upstairs room, and an associate of the suspect informed police that there were rifles in the home. Officers obtained a search warrant and K9 Unit assistance. The K9 officer utilized his K9 partner to search the home for the suspect. The K9 contacted the suspect. Once officers could see that he was not armed, they took him into custody without further incident. Officers transported the suspect to the hospital for medical treatment and booked him into jail for the above charges.

