



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F20-036

Incident Number: 2020-20130245

Date of Incident: 7/29/2020

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Patrol asked for assistance from the SPD SWAT team dealing with a barricaded Domestic Violence suspect. Officers had encountered the suspect earlier. They had responded to a 911 call from a neighbor reporting that the suspect had assaulted a female at the location. When they arrived, the suspect shoved the officer in the chest and slammed the door of the apartment, locking both him and the alleged female victim inside. The suspect had been seen with a gun in the recent past. SWAT arrived on scene and took over control of the incident. SWAT and Hostage Negotiation teams tried numerous de-escalation tactics in order to get the suspect to give up peacefully, but he refused to exit the location. The front door to the location was breached with a kinetic energy charge and the female victim exited the location a short time later. Officers heard the suspect inside the location possibly barricading himself in a bedroom. Based upon the threat factors of the suspect potentially being armed with a gun and assaulting a police officer, officers developed a chemical agent plan in an attempt to get him to come out to officers. SWAT leadership directed a SWAT officer to deploy OC powder projectiles. The officer deployed four OC powder projectiles into the north bedroom window. The suspect was coughing and yelling inside, but still refused to give up. Officers attempted 20 minutes of verbal commands, but the suspect refused to surrender. Due to the remaining threat, the command post approved the plan to insert three more OC powder projectiles into the same bedroom. After this deployment, the suspect crawled to a location where the EDU robot could see that his hands were clear. A team of SWAT officers moved in and detained the suspect without any further uses of reviewable force. He was transported to the hospital as he had taken a large amount of medication. Probable cause affidavits were prepared for Assault and Obstructing charges.

