



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K20-012
Incident Number: 2020-20218288
Date of Incident: 12/20/2020
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The caller reported that her son had assaulted her, and she had to leave the location to get away from him. Officers responded to her location to interview her and also checked the residence to see if the suspect was still there. The suspect had fled the scene. Officers developed probable cause for the suspect's arrest, for three counts of second-degree Assault (Domestic Violence), and information he was armed with a handgun. The suspect had pistol-whipped the victim during the incident. The male also had a felony warrant for second-degree Assault (DV). Officers later discovered information about the suspect's location. He was reportedly hiding in a recreational vehicle on a rural property. A K9 officer and his K9 responded with on-duty SWAT members and contacted the suspect in the yard at that location. Officers gave the suspect commands to show his hands and not to touch his waistband. They warned him that he may be bitten by a police dog if he fled. The suspect was non-compliant. When the suspect began reaching for his waistband and moving away from officers, the K9 was used to close the distance and detain him. Officers found a realistic replica handgun in his front waistband. Officers took him into custody. Medics attended to him and transported him to the hospital for medical treatment. Officers booked the suspect into jail for five counts of second-degree Assault (Domestic Violence), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine), Interfering with the Reporting of a Domestic Violence incident, and Violation of a No Contact Order.

