



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-001
Incident Number: 2021-20001486
Date of Incident: 1/3/2021
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a threat call. Officers had been out at this location earlier in the evening dealing with the same suspect. At that time, officers were unable to develop probable cause for a crime. On the second response, the suspect had reportedly made threats that she was going to strangle the complainant, prior to leaving the area in her vehicle. As officers were attempting to make contact with the complainant, the suspect came speeding into the north parking lot. As she exited her vehicle, she confronted officers in the parking lot while armed with a glass bottle and fixed blade knife. She was screaming at the officers to shoot her as she walked towards them. Officers gave multiple verbal commands to drop the weapons or they would use force. She eventually threw the bottle at one of the officers, striking his leg. She advanced towards officers, screaming for them to shoot her. She then turned abruptly, knife still in hand, while she continued to scream and began walking towards her vehicle. The supervisor on scene gave an order to deploy a TASER; the suspect was still armed with the knife and he did not want her to re-enter her vehicle and attempt to leave. An officer deployed his TASER, striking the suspect in the back. The deployment was successful, as she dropped the knife and fell to the ground. Officers took her into custody. Medics removed the probes and evaluated her for any injuries. Once cleared for booking, she was transported to jail. Officers booked her for Assault and Harassment.

