



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-012  
Incident Number: 2021-20045741  
Date of Incident: 3/23/2021  
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call. The caller reported that a male was outside a downtown restaurant and had pulled a knife and aggressed on two people, threatening to stab them. Officers arrived and developed probable cause for second-degree Assault charges. The suspect also had a felony Assault warrant. Officers attempted to de-escalate the suspect but were not successful. Officers utilized a Hostage Negotiation Team member to negotiate with the suspect to no avail. During the negotiation with the suspect, he attempted to slice his own neck and told the officers to kill him. Officers warned the suspect about impending use of force, including a K9 application, if he did not drop the knife. Officers made a plan to use multiple force options. They did not use force until the suspect moved away from the officers with the knife and there was a risk he would break containment. The near simultaneous use of 40 MM blunt impact (foam) projectiles and noise diversionary device served to momentarily disorient the suspect and caused him to drop the knife. He dropped the knife very close to his body and a K9 was used to close the distance and prevent him from accessing the knife while officers handcuffed him. The use of multiple force options allowed for the officers to take a dangerous person into custody with minimal injury to the suspect. The K9 contact resulted in four minor rake marks to his thigh. He also received injuries to his right leg, a red mark on his chest, and a small cut on his thumb. The suspect said he had heard the K9 warning but he wanted to die and had no plans to surrender. He had taken methamphetamine a few minutes before the incident. The suspect was treated at the hospital and released for booking. He was booked into jail on the Assault charges and his warrant.

Note: This incident is the same as K21-002. The incident has two tracking numbers as each K9 incident is tracked separately.

