



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-017
Incident Number: 2021-20055423
Date of Incident: 4/9/2021
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane Police detectives with the Special Investigative Unit conducted an undercover operation where they developed probable cause to arrest the suspect for delivery of a controlled substance. They followed the suspect's vehicle and eventually initiated a traffic stop. The suspect initially stopped near 4th/Howard but then fled in his vehicle. Officers tracked the vehicle to the Qdoba parking lot near 9th/Grand Blvd. Officers later saw the suspect walking on Rockwood Boulevard. Officers confronted the suspect from a distance. The suspect turned around with a revolver in his hand. An officer and a detective both intentionally pointed their firearms at the suspect while they gave him commands to drop the weapon. After refusing several commands to drop the gun, the suspect shot himself in the right temple. The suspect later succumbed to his injury.

The intentional pointing of a firearm is a reviewable use of force incident. No other force was used in this incident.

