



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-023

Incident Number: 2021-20089317

Date of Incident 6/23/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Burglary call. Security advised a shirtless male had broken out a window on an exterior door the Convention Center to gain entry. The suspect was armed with a shovel. Officers contacted with the suspect, who was now inside the elevator. He no longer had the shovel but was armed with a metal joint brace. Officers advised the suspect multiple times that he was under arrest and that if he refused to comply, force could be used against him. The suspect was non-compliant and told officers he would fight them. At one point the suspect said he would kill one of the officers. The suspect slammed the joint brace against the door. Officers held the door while additional resources were gathered. Officers set up a multi-force option plan in case the suspect came out with the metal weapon in hand. The plan was to deploy a T-16 OC (pepper spray) expulsion device into the confined bathroom. When medics arrived on scene, the plan was executed, and officers deployed the pepper spray. The suspect followed instructions and crawled out of the bathroom. He was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was treated by medics on scene, and then booked into jail for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Burglary and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Malicious Mischief.

