



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-024

Incident Number: 2021-20102274

Date of Incident 6/22/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call. Several neighbors called in to report, that a suspect was armed with a knife and threatening construction workers. Officers located the suspect in the backyard of a residence. The suspect refused to comply with officers and had immediate access to other potential weapons around him. He was wanted on a Department of Corrections Domestic Violence warrant. The suspect had been involved in at least two previous standoffs with SPD. Officers contained the suspect and tried to de-escalate the incident with verbal commands and the help from the Behavioral Health Unit. Officers tried to have family and friends attempt to talk with the suspect. After negotiations broke down, officers implemented a plan with several contact teams to use pepper balls (pepper spray) to gain compliance and safely take the suspect into custody. Once the pepper balls were deployed, the suspect put his hands up and officers were able to take him into custody. Medics checked on him, and officers booked him into jail for his warrant and Violation of his Domestic Violence Protection Order.

