



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-027

Incident Number: 2021-20110497

Date of Incident 7/3/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call. The complainant stated a male had pointed at gun at him. When an officer arrived on scene, the suspect was sitting approximately 5-6 feet away from what the officer believed to be a silver revolver (it was later determined to be a replica). As the officer was getting out of his patrol vehicle, the suspect began to reach into a bag. The officer drew his firearm and intentionally pointed it at the suspect, due to being in fear of him possibly reaching for another firearm. The tactic was effective, and the suspect removed his hands from the bag. The officer then moved his firearm to the low ready position and holstered it. The officer transitioned to his long gun and moved to the rear of his patrol vehicle. Officers made use of available resources and specially trained members of the department, and used time, distance, and cover to their advantage while they attempted conversations with the suspect for 30 minutes. They told him multiple times not to reach into his backpack. However, when the suspect attempted to access his backpack, officers used less lethal tools (40mm Blue Nose Impact round hitting the suspect and Pepper Ball pepper spray rounds in his general area). The applications caused him to drop his backpack and put his hands in the air. Officers were then able to take him into custody and have medics evaluate him. He was taken to the hospital for medical clearance prior to booking. The suspect was booked into jail for Weapon Brandishing or Intimidating, Obstructing, and Resisting Arrest.

