



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-028

Incident Number: 2021-20100065

Date of Incident 6/18/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Arson call, a report of a male who had lit a tree on fire in the back yard. He was throwing fist-sized rocks at neighbors' homes, breaking a window. A caller then indicated that he was throwing rocks at people. When officers arrived, the suspect began throwing multiple rocks at them. The rocks were big enough to cause significant bodily injury if one of them hit an officer. Officers monitored the situation and waited for sufficient units to arrive before they engaged with him. Officers developed a tactical plan which utilized a less lethal tool – a 40 mm Special Impact Munition, which can be used at a distance and allow officers to close space with the suspect – and ballistic shields. When the 40 mm munition was not effective, an officer deployed his TASER, which was effective. Officers were then able take him into custody. They took him to the hospital for an evaluation. Officers had probable cause for felony Malicious Mischief, Reckless Burning, and eight counts of felony Assault.

