



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-038

Incident Number: 2021-20107424

Date of Incident 6/29/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers established probable cause to believe that a wanted suspect was inside a residence. The suspect had a felony DOC warrant for his arrest and officers had probable cause to arrest him for two counts of felony Domestic Violence Order of Protection Violation (DVOPV). The suspect had a violent criminal history and a female who had left the house said the suspect had said he would kill himself before going back to jail. Based on the risk factors, SPD SWAT was requested to the scene. SWAT established command and control at the residence and utilized barricade suspect tactics to resolve the incident. De-escalation techniques were used for hours with no response from the suspect. SWAT utilized both OC (pepper spray) and CS (tear gas) chemical agents in attempts to locate the suspect in the residence. These chemical agents were not effective. A drone and K9s were used to search the house but they also could not find the suspect inside. The attic area was searched with a K9, but the suspect was not located. Officers received information that there was a hidden crawl space underneath the residence. Officers located the crawl space floor hatch and located the suspect hiding in the crawl space. He was uninjured and had not been affected by the chemical agents used. Officers took him into custody. He was prohibited from being at the residence due to a court order, so he was arrested on new DVOPV charges. He was booked into jail on both the sets of DVOPV charges and his warrant.

