



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-039

Incident Number: 2021-20152854

Date of Incident 9/6/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Theft call. They tried to contact the suspect, but he hid in the residence. The suspect had felony warrants for Harassment, Drugs, and Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order. The felony Drug warrant out of Idaho made him a fugitive. The suspect was secreted in the attic where there was only one point of access. Due to the barricaded suspect, the patrol supervisor requested SWAT to respond. Multiple attempts were made to get the suspect to give up peacefully, without resorting to physical force options. These attempts included verbal announcements by patrol, Hostage Negotiation and SWAT, drone usage, K9 announcements, force warnings to include the use of chemical munitions, and the use of a pole camera. These attempts to get the suspect to give up peacefully occurred for several hours prior to physical force options being utilized. After about 5 and a half hours, the SWAT command authorized the use of OC tools (pepper spray) in a systematic and escalating fashion to encourage the suspect to surrender. A K9 was deployed into the attic at one point, but due to the configuration of the attic, the K9 was not able to reach the suspect. Ultimately, pepper balls were deployed into the attic, the suspect complied and crawled out at which time officers were able to take the suspect into custody without further incident. He was booked into jail for 3rd Degree Theft, Resisting Arrest, and Obstructing, in addition to his warrants.

