



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-051

Incident Number: 2021- 20191716

Date of Incident 11/6/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane Police officers responded to a Suspicious Person call. Radio advised the suspect was banging on doors attempting to gain entry into apartments. When officers arrived, they searched and located a smashed-in window at one of the apartments. There was also a fire extinguisher on the ground in front of the apartment and significant damage to the front door. A complainant later observed the suspect inside an apartment. Officers attempted to communicate with the suspect inside and made multiple announcements. At one point, the suspect opened the bathroom door. Officers confirmed visually that he was the same suspect from a Trespass call earlier. Officers forced entry into the apartment to search for the resident that lived alone in the apartment. The apartment minus the bathroom was cleared and it was unknown if the resident was in the bathroom with the suspect. Officers created distance from the bathroom and attempted verbal contact with the suspect again. The suspect was advised he was under arrest and that force would be used against him if he did not comply. Officers made a plan to have a coordinated movement to the bathroom door and breach it, to be able to see the victim. The door was breached; the victim was not observed in the bathroom. The suspect continued to hide behind the door. One officer deployed an OC (pepper spray) expulsion device into the bathroom. Officers retreated and created distance from the suspect, who gave up and was taken into custody without further incident. He was treated by medics and cleared for jail. He was booked for Residential Burglary, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Malicious Mischief, Resisting Arrest, and Making False Statements.

