



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-054

Incident Number: 2021- 20217739

Date of Incident 12/21/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Spokane Police officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The victim had sustained serious injuries. Officers developed probable cause for 2nd Degree Assault DV and Unlawful Imprisonment. Believing that the suspect was armed and barricaded in his apartment, SPD SWAT was called out and attempted contact and de-escalation tactics. The Hostage Negotiation Team attempted verbal contact with the suspect but was unsuccessful. When all reasonable methods had been attempted to get the suspect to surrender, and several warnings had been given, officers launched OC (pepper spray) Pepperballs into the apartment. However, the suspect was not inside. A search of the apartment by SWAT did not locate the suspect. A chemical agent exposure notice was placed inside the residence and Spokane Fire was also requested to help decontaminate the interior of the residence. Officers advised the victim that the suspect was not located and confirmed she was in a safe location. A charging request for 2nd Degree Assault DV and Unlawful Imprisonment was sent to the Prosecutor's Office.

