



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F21-055

Incident Number: 2021-20220990

Date of Incident 12/27/2021

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a report of a stabbing. The suspect, who was armed with a katana sword, was still in the residence. She had stabbed her husband in the torso. He had been able to exit the house, but their young children were inside with her. Officers established probable cause for 1st Degree Assault. Officers requested SWAT to assist with the scene, and a search warrant was completed. Based on the suspect's actions, patrol breached the back door. As they were breaching the back door, the suspect attempted to stab an officer with the sword. An officer deployed his TASER, but the deployment was not effective because the probes did not contact her. Officers were able to make entry and locate the suspect in the living room. She was still screaming and holding the sword. Officers directed her to drop the weapon, but she refused. Two officers deployed their TASERS. One deployment was effective and rendered the suspect incapacitated. Officers were able to take her into custody. She was transported to the hospital for evaluation and was booked into jail for 1st Degree Assault and 2nd Degree Assault.

