



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-008

Incident Number: 2022-20020556

Date of Incident 2/6/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Assault call. The caller reported a male hitting another male in the head with a bat. Officers established probable cause to arrest the male suspect for 3rd Degree Assault. Officers attempted contact with the suspect, but he had armed himself with a golf club and refused to exit the residence. K9, Drone and Hostage Negotiation Team officers were called to the scene to assist with the attempt to take him into custody safely. Hostage Team officers made numerous attempts to contact the suspect without success. Several drones were inserted into the residence but had no effect on the suspect. The suspect was observed getting into a drawer in the kitchen and possibly arming himself with a kitchen knife. Officers believed that he was attempting to hide in the bathroom of the residence. A standoff ensued for over three hours. OC chemical (pepper spray) agents were approved for use by the on-scene supervisors. OC was deployed into the bathroom and then the residence to get the suspect to surrender. These were unsuccessful. Officers used two OC tri-chamber canisters to introduce a higher volume of OC into the residence, but the suspect did not come out. He was observed hiding inside a closet area. Additional SWAT resources were requested and responded to the scene. When the SWAT vehicle came on-scene, the suspect came out and was taken into custody with no additional force being used. Medics checked the suspect for OC exposure, and he was booked into jail for Assault.

