



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-016

Incident Number: 2022-20042019

Date of Incident: 3/13/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Check Welfare call. The complainant, a security guard, stated that a male approached him. The male said he was armed. He told the complainant to shoot him because he was ready to die. Officers arrived on scene and located the male in the parking lot, reportedly armed with a firearm, and brandishing a knife. They requested additional units – the Behavioral Health Unit, Hostage Negotiation Team, and medics. Officers used distance and attempted to negotiate with the male for an hour. The suspect said he did not have a gun and dropped the knife right by him. He maintained that he wanted officers to shoot him. Officers warned him force may be used against him if he did not comply with orders to move away from the knife. Officers made a contingency plan to use a multiple force option if the male went towards the knife. When the male started to walk towards the knife, the containment team deployed multiple force options: a noise flash distraction device, two 40mm less lethal foam rounds, a K9, and a pepper ball (pepper spray) deployment at the location of the knife for aerial denial. At the time of the K9 deployment, he was 80 feet away from officers, and the K9 closed the distance quickly. Officers were able to take the suspect into custody without him arming himself with the knife. The suspect was taken to the hospital for medical treatment on an involuntary mental hold.

Note: This incident is the same as K22-006. The incident has two tracking numbers as each K9 incident is tracked separately.

