



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-025

Incident Number: 2022-20076902

Date of Incident: 5/8/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Burglary call. The complainant reported that a male identified himself as an officer to gain entry in an apartment. He stole money from the victim. Onsite security said the suspect had a firearm. An officer located the suspect. The suspect fled on foot and attempted to conceal himself in a dumpster. The officer waited for additional resources before trying to take the suspect into custody. The SWAT team arrived and positioned the tactical vehicle in a way that they could safely communicate with him. Officers warned the suspect he was under arrest and warned him that force would be used against him if he did not peacefully surrender. It was too dangerous for officers to enter the dumpster, as the male was reported to be armed. The suspect needed to be apprehended outside of the dumpster with his hands clear of weapons. After approximately 50 minutes, an officer deployed Pepperball (pepper spray) as an area denial mechanism, causing the suspect to exit the dumpster. The suspect was taken into custody. Medics evaluated the suspect. He was booked into jail for Residential Burglary, Resisting Arrest, and Obstructing.

