

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-028

Incident Number: 2022-20092203

Date of Incident: 6/2/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

SPD SWAT was assisting Okanogan County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) with a search warrant in Loomis, WA, for a mutual aid request approved by Assistant Chief Lundgren. The target of the search warrant was wanted for 2nd Degree Assault, felony Harassment (threats to kill) and 2nd Degree Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. The suspect also presented several threat factors to include possibly shooting at OCSO deputies during a recent incident. SWAT resources arrived on scene. SPD officers gave multiple warnings over the public address system, that the suspect had a warrant for his arrest, that a K9 or chemical munitions may be used if he did not surrender peacefully. SPD made attempts at de-escalation using the Hostage Negotiation Team, the bomb robot, drone, and helicopter over a four-hour period. SPD SWAT team members utilized multiple iterations of physical force to include various types of OC (pepper spray) and CS (tear gas). The suspect exited his trailer and gave up to police. He was transferred into OCSO custody.

