



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-029

Incident Number: 2022-20099883

Date of Incident: 6/13/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Burglary call. The complainant reported that her daughter was arguing with her ex-boyfriend. She reported that the ex-boyfriend was trying to come inside the residence. He had a tool in his hand and was trying to cut his wrists. Officers arrived on scene and located the male suspect in the alley leaving the residence. He had what appeared to be a knife in his hand as he walked away from officers. Officers attempted to de-escalate the situation and repeatedly told the suspect that force may be used against him. The suspect put the knife up to his throat and made suicidal statements. He was walking around the block and was headed back towards the victim's address. He refused to obey all commands to stop and drop the knife. After repeated use of force warnings, officers put a multi force plan into action. When the male started to cut his own throat, officers deployed both TASER and 40mm foam rounds with no effect. A final TASER deployment was effective in taking the male to the ground, with the knife momentarily separated from his hand and landing only inches from his grasp. A K9 handler utilized K9 Zeus to close that distance and apprehend the male, allowing officers to reach the knife and secure it before taking the male into custody. Officers immediately provided medical aid until medics arrived. The male did not have a knife but had a large piece of glass from the broken window. He was transported with life-threatening injuries that were later upgraded to non-life-threatening and he was listed as stable. Probable cause was established to charge the male with 1st Degree Burglary-DV, 1st Degree Malicious Mischief-DV and 3rd Degree Malicious Mischief-DV. Based on the male's self-harm, officers completed Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) paperwork and submitted it to the hospital.

Note: This incident is the same as K22-014. The incident has two tracking numbers as each K9 incident is tracked separately.

