



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-033

Incident Number: 2022-20116173

Date of Incident: 7/7/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a subject armed with a large kitchen knife, acting in a threatening manner toward persons near the House of Charity. The male suspect was under the influence of methamphetamine and appeared to be in crisis. Officers responded to the scene and set up containment, with mental health professionals, negotiators, and SWAT members joining to assist. After about two hours of negotiation, the decision was made to have a SWAT callout to provide additional resources. The SWAT Bear Cat vehicle was used to make the scene safer by blocking the suspect's escape route. When the suspect attempted to leave the area with the knife, a Noise Flash Distraction Device was used in conjunction with a blunt impact munition, (bean bag shotgun). The use of force caused the person to drop the knife and fall to the sidewalk. He was compliant and was taken into custody with no further use of force applied. The suspect sustained a laceration to his knee, caused either by the blunt impact munition or his fall to the sidewalk. Medics responded to the male. He was transported to Sacred Heart for an Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) evaluation to get medical and mental health treatment. Criminal charges of Weapon Brandishing or Intimidation, Resisting Arrest, and Pedestrian Interference were forwarded to the Prosecutor.

