



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F22-058

Incident Number: 2022-20198776

Date of Incident: 11/7/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a call of an occupied vehicle blocking traffic during a snowstorm. Officers arrived on scene and realized the vehicle had just been reported stolen. Officers developed probable cause to arrest the driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle. Officers pinned in the vehicle with their vehicles and attempted to gain compliance, but the driver refused to exit the vehicle. Officers used the public address system to tell the suspect that he was under arrest and needed to exit. After getting permission from the vehicle owner, an officer deployed a volley of pepper ball (pepper spray) rounds into the vehicle through a previously broken passenger side window. The driver exited the vehicle and was handcuffed without any other use of force. The suspect was booked into jail for Theft of Motor Vehicle, Vehicle Physical Control Drugs (DUI), Obstructing, and Resisting Arrest.

