

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K22-009

Incident Number: 2022-20063618

Date of Incident: 4/17/2022

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an Arson call. The suspect barricaded himself in a detached garage. Over a two-hour period, officers made multiple announcements that the suspect was under arrest and needed to come out, but the suspect did not comply. Officers attempted to use the Hostage Negotiation Team to communicate with the suspect but were unsuccessful. Officers obtained a search warrant for the garage. The suspect eventually exited the garage and stated he was going back into the house, where the initial fire had been set. The suspect refused to comply with officers. A K9 handler made several announcements about the use of a police dog, and then utilized his K9 to cover the distance between officers and the suspect. The K9 contacted the suspect and prevented him from entering the house. Officers took the suspect into custody. The suspect was transported to the hospital for treatment. He was booked into jail for 1st Degree Arson (DV) and Reckless Endangerment.

