



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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## Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-001

Incident Number: 2023-20001590

Date of Incident: 1/3/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call on an STA bus. Initial information indicated the suspect had assaulted a female juvenile bus patron with a roofing hammer and had threatened to kill her. He had also broken a window on the bus. Officers found the suspect, who had fled the bus, and they attempted to contact the suspect. The suspect was still armed with the roofing hammer and was waving it around. The roofing hammer had a common hammer head on one end and a hatchet on the other. Officers gave him multiple lawful commands to drop the weapon, but the suspect refused to comply. TASER deployments were not effective; the suspect dislodged the probes and continued to approach officers with the hammer. An officer used a stop kick to finally disarm the subject and take him into custody. He was booked into jail for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Assault, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Malicious Mischief, and felony Harassment.

