

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-026

Incident Number: 2023-20107687

Date of Incident: 6/4/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call. It was reported that a female suspect had attempted to assault her neighbor with a claw hammer. Witnesses substantiated the allegation and officers developed probable cause to arrest the suspect for 2nd Degree Assault. Officers made repeated attempts to get the suspect to surrender peacefully but they were unsuccessful. Officers obtained a search warrant. They made a plan to open the front door with the key, and give the suspect every opportunity to surrender, with multiple force options ready. The suspect did not comply with commands, and she barricaded herself in the bathroom. Officers breached the bathroom door and gave commands for her to surrender. She was still non-compliant, and they could not see her hands. Officers deployed pepper spray into the bathroom, which gave officers an opportunity to grab the suspect and take her into custody without further force. Medics assessed the suspect and cleared her for booking. She was booked into jail for 2nd Degree Assault and Resisting Arrest.

