



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-032

Incident Number: 2023-20130777

Date of Incident: 7/4/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to an apprehension assist of a client, at the request of Frontier Behavioral Health. The complainant advised the client needed to be taken into protective custody and requested SPD assistance. As officers were responding to the residence, 911 received additional calls regarding the male potentially fighting another neighbor, with what appeared to be blood all over his chest. He made threats to have friends shoot officers. SPD supervisors and several officers responding had previous knowledge of the male because of several calls for service in the days leading up to this incident. The suspect was the recipient of a Domestic Violence protection order. Officers used the public address system to advise the male of the protection order, which required him to vacate the residence, because the victim was inside. The male ignored officers. Officers also advised him that force would be used against him if he did not surrender.

Due to the protection order violation, along with the male's behavior and multiple safety concerns, SPD set up a multi-force plan, which included the utilization of a K9 upon certain contingencies. When the suspect exited the rear of the residence and attempted to access a vehicle, ignoring lawful commands, officers executed the multi-force plan. The K9 handler deployed his K9, which contacted the suspect in the right hand, and another officer shot one round of 40mm less-lethal foam munitions, striking the male in the upper right thigh. The applications of force were ineffective, and the suspect was able to re-enter his residence. SWAT resources ultimately responded and deployed pepper spray munitions. The pepper spray was effective, and the suspect exited the house and was taken into custody. The suspect was treated by on scene medics and transported to the hospital for medical treatment because of the K9 contact. He was booked into jail for his Violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order and Obstructing. Officers completed the mental health paperwork so that the suspect would receive mental health services.

Note: This incident is the same as K23-006. The incident has two tracking numbers as each K9 incident is tracked separately.

