



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-038
Incident Number: 2023-20141641
Date of Incident: 7/29/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to the report of a suspicious circumstance. The complainant reported that suspects, who he did not recognize, were pounding on his door. The suspects were calling out a name he did not recognize. He advised he had his front door barricaded and the suspects had been there for a few minutes. An officer arrived and saw a male outside who fit the caller's description. The male removed what appeared to be a knife in a sheath from his belt and threw it into the front yard of the location. He then walked away from the house. Officers contacted the male, who gave them a false name. Officers had probable cause for the charge of Making a False and Misleading Statement to a police officer. When they attempted the arrest, the suspect resisted, pulling his arms away from officers and reaching for his waistband. He had not been searched yet and he had already produced a knife. An officer deployed a leg sweep takedown technique to bring the suspect to the ground for prone cuffing. The suspect put his arm out to catch his fall, and officers heard a sound of a bone breaking. The leg sweep tactic for taking an actively resisting subject to a prone position does not typically result in a such a significant injury. Officers quickly recognized the injury and appropriately decided not to apply handcuffs. They summoned medical aid, and the suspect was transported to the hospital. He was cited and released for False Statements, Obstructing, and Resisting Arrest.





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