

SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-041

Incident Number: 2023-20135243

Date of Incident: 7/11/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Trespassing call at a social service agency. Dispatch relayed the male's identity and that he had a confirmed warrant for failing to register as a sex offender. When officers contacted the male and informed him that he would be going to jail for the warrant, the male drew a knife on them. He then turned the knife on himself, provoking a standoff and SWAT callout. Hostage Negotiators were called to assist. During the standoff, officers observed the suspect smoking drugs off aluminum foil (believed to be fentanyl) several times. After six hours of attempted negotiation, SWAT members took the suspect into custody utilizing two TASER deployments. The suspect fell to the ground and was immediately offered aid from medics. He was booked into jail for 2nd Degree Assault, Obstructing, Resisting Arrest, and his warrant.

