



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

JUSTIN C. LUNDGREN

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-042
Incident Number: 2023-20086915
Date of Incident: 5/8/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Person with a Weapon call at an apartment complex. The suspect reportedly had a knife and was threatening to attack people. One witness said he had pointed a gun at him. The suspect fled into an apartment and barricaded himself inside. Probable cause was established to arrest the suspect for Weapons Apparently Capable of Bodily Harm. He also had a warrant. SWAT was requested to take him into custody and safely execute a search warrant. Due to his violent and escalating behavior, a standoff ensued. Resources from K9, Behavioral Health Unit, Bomb Squad, Hostage Negotiation Team, and the Air Support Unit were called in to assist with apprehension. After obtaining a search warrant, officers used standard barricade tactics with the approval of the incident command structure. Extensive attempts to negotiate were made but the suspect did not respond. He opened the door, waved a knife around, and barricaded himself again. After chemical munitions were delivered into the residence, the suspect was open to negotiation and ultimately surrendered. He was taken into custody without further incident. The suspect was immediately offered aid from medics. He was booked into jail for the weapons charge and his warrant.





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