



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F23-061
Incident Number: 2023-20153217
Date of Incident: 8/3/2023
Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

The Airway Heights Police Department responded to an argument at 12500 W. Sunset Hwy. When they came on scene, they observed a vehicle fleeing at a high rate of speed. A short time later, a Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Deputy located the vehicle. The suspect fled the vehicle and ran towards the apartment complex. The SCSO deputy proceeded after the suspect and rounded a corner at the location. The suspect was waiting for the deputy for an ambush and fired at the deputy, then moved locations and fired additional rounds at the deputy. A pursuit began, and the suspect traveled the wrong direction on Interstate 90. The suspect continued into Downtown Spokane and crashed into a building at 822 W. 2nd (76 Station). At that point, SPD officers tried to take the armed suspect into custody, but he refused to peacefully surrender. He remained barricaded inside his vehicle and refused to comply with commands. Knowing he was armed and had already shot at a deputy, multiple resources (SWAT, K9, and Hostage Negotiators) were used to use time, distance, and cover to bring a safe resolution to the incident. SPD officers deployed chemical agents into the suspect's vehicle to force him out. One officer pointed his firearm at the suspect while giving the suspect commands. The suspect was taken into custody without any further incident for 1st Degree Assault, 2nd Degree Assault, Eluding, Obstructing, and Resisting Arrest charges.

