



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K23-007

Incident Number: 2023-20141068

Date of Incident: 7/17/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Domestic Violence call. The complainant advised her daughter sent a text message indicating she had just been assaulted by her boyfriend. The complainant was unable to reach her after the initial text message. When officers arrived, they observed a male and female inside the apartment. The male appeared to be leaning over the female, in an assaultive posture which led the officers to immediately knock on the door to disrupt any further conflict between the two parties. The victim opened the door and made herself known to the officers as they heard another door simultaneously slam shut from the interior. Officers were able to escort the victim outside where they subsequently began their investigation. Officers learned the suspect was in the apartment by himself. Probable cause for Assault-DV was developed. Officers were able to eventually contact the suspect at the front door. He refused to come outside and said officers would need a search warrant to take him into custody. Additional resources were requested, to include a K9. Despite several hours of de-escalation attempts, the suspect refused to comply by exiting the apartment. A search warrant was obtained and executed. A K9 was used to search the interior of the apartment. The K9 located the suspect in a back bedroom, effectively apprehending him. Officers were then able to take him into custody without further incident. 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 2nd Degree Assault-DV, Resisting Arrest, and Obstructing.

