



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

CRAIG N. MEIDL

Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K23-008

Incident Number: 2023- 20143439

Date of Incident: 7/20/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers responded to a Commercial Burglary call. The victim advised he was the store manager and had just been assaulted by a suspect as she fled the establishment with stolen merchandise. He was struck several times in the face with a closed fist. The suspect fled in a vehicle prior to officers' arrival. Officers developed probable cause for First Degree Robbery. The investigation led to a residence, where the suspect's vehicle was located just outside a detached garage structure. Several witnesses advised the suspect was seen inside the structure, just prior to their arrival, prompting officers to apply for a search warrant. Despite nearly one hour and forty-five minutes of de-escalation attempts, use of force warnings, K9 announcements, arrest notifications and search warrant advisements, the suspect remained concealed within the garage structure. At one point, several uninvolved parties exited the garage and confirmed the suspect was inside. Further, they advised she had told them she was aware the police were outside and had no intention of exiting the garage structure. Officers observed what appeared to be several long guns and other firearms within the structure. A search warrant was obtained, and a K9 was utilized to search the area. The K9 located the suspect in a van within the garage structure. Officers took her into custody. She was treated at the hospital before being booked into jail for 1st Degree Robbery, Obstructing, and Resisting Arrest.

