



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CHIEF OF POLICE

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### Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: K23-012

Incident Number: 2023-20187398

Date of Incident: 9/19/2023

Chain of Command Finding: In Compliance with Policy

#### INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers were patrolling a Northeast Spokane neighborhood in uniformed patrol capacity. They were aware of outstanding Domestic Violence order violation warrants for the arrest of a male suspect in the area. As officers were driving by the residence, they observed through a front glass window what appeared to be the wanted suspect, standing in the window, peering outside. Officers also observed a vehicle, registered to the protected party, in the rear of the residence. The officers believed it was likely the suspect was actively violating a domestic violence protection order. Officers asked for the Hostage Negotiation Team and a K9 handler to assist. The officers contacted the victim/protected party, who confirmed the suspect was likely hiding in the detached garage. For approximately an hour, officers attempted to communicate with the suspect using a variety of de-escalation tactics to include arrest notifications, use of force warnings, and K9 announcements. The suspect did not respond to any officer communications and did not come out. A K9 was utilized to search the dark garage where the suspect was believed to be concealed. The K9 located and apprehended the suspect in the rear corner of the garage tucked between a vehicle and the garage wall. Officers were then able to safely take the suspect into custody. The suspect was transported to the hospital for treatment. He was booked into jail for his felony warrants and new charges of a felony-level Violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order and Resisting Arrest.

