



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

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Closed Use of Force Summary

Tracking Number: F24-012
Incident Number: 2024-20014538
Date of Incident: 1/24/2024
Chain of Command Finding: In compliance with policy

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Officers with the Violent Offender Task Force assisted Stolen Property Unit Detectives with surveillance on an occupied stolen truck, seen driving around Spokane. The suspect was known to be violent and commonly armed. Detectives used undercover vehicles to follow the suspect around town while constantly developing plans to take the suspect into custody once he got far enough away from the vehicle. The suspect eventually stopped at a store parking lot and got out of the truck. Plain clothes officers went into the store to catch the suspect if he came in. The suspect walked towards the store and officers moved in to block the vehicle. The suspect saw the plain clothes officers already in the store and ran back to the truck. The suspect immediately started using the stolen truck to push the SPD vehicle out of the way. Officers blocked the stolen truck from the rear and the suspect continued to go forward and back to try and escape. Officers gave the suspect commands, but he was non-compliant, reaching down under his seat and off to the right. Officers feared that the suspect was reaching for a weapon. Two officers intentionally pointed their firearms at the suspect while giving him commands. Officers took him into custody without incident. The suspect was booked into jail for his felony warrant, Theft of Motor Vehicle, 1st Degree Malicious Mischief, 2nd Degree Theft, Obstructing, and Resisting Arrest.

