Authorization Form DLN-0414

This order authorizes Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contractor David Snell (the "Agent") to engage in a one-hour session with Anthony Haven (the "Actor") on August 6th, 2019. This authorization is subject to the restrictions enumerated below.

1. Enhanced interrogation is authorized, but may only consist of the following techniques:
    a. Contortion in "the jetliner position"
    b. Exposure to deafening noise
2. These techniques may not be utilized if the Actor enters into a state of cooperation.

Only the Agent authorized here may conduct enhanced interrogation. This authorization does not apply to any future cases regarding the Actor or to anyone apart from the Actor.

Authorization Form DLN-0614

This order authorizes Department of Homeland Security (DHS) psychologist Shannon Harp (the "Agent") to engage in a one-hour session with Anthony Haven (the "Actor") on August 6th, 2019. This authorization is subject to the restrictions enumerated below.

1. The Agent may not use any measures of physical force.
2. The Agent may not lie to the Actor.

Only the Agent authorized here may conduct the session. This authorization does not apply to any future cases regarding the Actor or to anyone apart from the Actor.

Authorization Form DLN-0999

This order authorizes one Department of Homeland Security (DHS) employee or contractor (the "Agent") to engage in a one-hour session with Anthony Haven (the "Actor") on August 6th, 2019. This authorization is subject to the restrictions enumerated below.

This authorization does not apply to any future cases regarding the Actor or to anyone apart from the Actor.

Bentham's Criteria Scale

Email Dr. Carl Rush at _____ and use this form to rate his assessment of the threat.

Intensity Rating

How intense do they think the consequences will be?

Very tolerable	Somewhat tolerable	Cannot be determined	Somewhat painful	Very painful
1	2	3	4	5

Duration Rating

How long do they think the consequences will last?

Very short time	Somewhat short time	Cannot be determined	Somewhat long time	Very long time
1	2	3	4	5

Certainty Rating

How sure are they that threat will occur?

Very unlikely	Somewhat unlikely	Cannot be determined	Somewhat likely	Very likely
1	2	3	4	5

Nearness Rating

How close do they think the threat is occurring?

Very far	Somewhat far	Cannot be determined	Somewhat close	Very close
1	2	3	4	5

Notes from Steinhoff Paper (2015)

Uwe Steinhoff is a German ethicist who argues that people have a right to self-defense if they are under imminent attack. They may take an action that would usually be morally impermissible, if it is out of necessity and proportional to the attack, even if it is not the mildest means available. But what does that mean?

Definition

Example

Necessity. An action satisfies the necessity requirement if it is guaranteed to achieve a safe, instant, and conclusive end to the attack. Otherwise, the action that offers the best possible defensive results would be permissible.

Imminence. Even if an attack is not ongoing, a defender can exercise self-defense if an attack is imminent. An attack can be imminent even if the harm is not.

Mildest Means. If two methods of self-defense have the same effectiveness, the defender must use the milder of the two. However, if the milder method puts the defender at an even slightly greater level of risk, they may use it, but are not required to use it.

Proportionality. A defensive action must be in proportion to the imminent threat.

Dirty Harry Template

A Dirty Harry scenario occurs when a normally lawful person (e.g., a police officer or detective) believes the only way for them to carry out their legal mandate (e.g., protect people from harm or arrest criminals) is to take an action that is not morally permissible (e.g., lying to or physically harming a suspect).

Use this template to write a plausible Dirty Harry scenario that could arise from using one of the authorization forms and return it to MDOS for feedback.

MDOS recommended that DHS use an authorization form stipulating that an agent is not allowed to:

During the interrogation session, the agent violated this by:

The agent believed this was morally justified because:

But it was still not morally permissible because: