

# Military Expertise: “To Shoot or Not to Shoot (Law Enforcement)” Written Case Study

**Facilitator:** Reading the Case Study twice often ensures that participants are prepared to discuss the issues.

**Facilitator’s Summary:** A special agent and federal law enforcement officer used his Military Expertise to make an ethical decision whether or not to shoot a suspect. His decision to not shoot verified and validated his professional Competence, Character, and Commitment.

## Notes:

- What is the most ethical course of action to take?
- How did he use knowledge from the moral-ethical field of expert knowledge?
  - How was he dedicated to adhering to values, ethics, and morals?
  - How were they demonstrated in his actions? What does this say about his Character?
- What does his demonstrated ability to perform assigned duties say about his Competence?
- How did he use knowledge from the human-development field of expert knowledge? Share how education, training, and experience developed him as a professional.
- Do you feel he effectively and ethically accomplished the mission despite adversity, obstacles, and challenge? Why or why not?
  - Is he faced with a conflict or tension of Commitment in this situation?
  - How does his performance of duties reflect on his Commitment as a professional?
  - How would you perform your duties successfully and ethically?
- How did the special agent and federal law enforcement officer apply his Military Expertise?