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Psychologists shun tactics

APA targets detainee interrogation

BY SHANKAR VEDANTAM
Washington Post

SAN FRANCISCO - The American Psychological Association ruled Sunday that psychologists can no longer be associated with several interrogation techniques that have been used against terrorism detainees at U.S. facilities because the methods are immoral,

psychologically damaging and counterproductive in eliciting useful information.

Psychologists who witness interrogators using mock executions, simulated drowning, sexual and religious humiliation, stress positions or sleep deprivation are required to intervene to stop such abuse, to report the activities to superiors and to report the involvement of

any other psychologists in such activities to the association. It could then strip those professionals of their memberships.

The move by the APA, the nation's largest association of behavioral experts, is a rebuke of the Bush administration's anti-terrorism policies, because many of the techniques deemed unacceptable have been widely reported to be used at military facilities at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as well as in Iraq and at various CIA detention cen-

ters. But it also has practical effects. Psychologists who have their membership revoked can lose their license, because many state licensing boards require psychologists to be in good standing with the national association.

The techniques are believed to have been reverse-engineered from the military's Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape, or SERE program, taught at the

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Robert Moore, 23, will begin serving a federal two-year sentence next month for his role in a hacking operation.

A HACKER'S WRONG TURN

Spokane man heading to prison because of Internet phone scheme

BY TOM SOWA
Staff writer

Growing up in rural Lacrosse, Wash., Robert Moore reached adolescence and discovered he was a high school misfit. Suffering from several ailments, including narcolepsy, Moore skipped playing sports, the normal path to small-town popularity.

Instead he dived into computer technology and found his niche, tinkering with software and understanding how computers connect to each other on the Internet. He became a hacker, going by the nickname

"mooreR" and running a Web site with samples of software he developed.

"One of reasons I was so addicted to computers was I found I didn't need the real world. I had the online world, where people loved me," he said.

That world eventually led him to international notoriety and a two-year federal prison sentence for his part in a scheme to bilk telecommunications companies out of more than \$1 million in stolen service.

Hackers, while portrayed often as bent on harming other computers, also include a middle ground of enthusiasts who test com-

puter security in order to improve it. Moore said he was such an ethical hacker, but he veered toward crime to make easy money.

He moved to Spokane, graduated from North Central High School and became skilled enough to land several jobs, including a project for one firm needing anti-spam software.

In 2005, a Florida man, Edwin Pena, found Moore's site and asked him to create a tool for detecting certain types of network computers that worked with a new tech-

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International attention

- The scheme that will land Robert Moore in federal prison received international attention because it was the first large-scale hacking of a Voice over Internet Protocol system.
- Moore used 12 home computers to find

vulnerable network access points.

► His job was made easier because of the corporate networks he targeted, more than 90 percent still were using default passwords such as "password."

► **On the Web:** Find audio of an interview with Robert Moore packaged with this story at spokesmanreview.com

GETTING THERE

Amy Cannata

Though auto vandalism is rare, the costs add up

The pain of a vandalized car stings twice.

First there's the awful discovery that a personal possession has been smashed or slashed by some inconsiderate thrill seeker. Then there's the

realization that the cost to fix the damage is probably less than your insurance deductible, meaning the full cost will come out of pocket.

Dozens of Spokane drivers got that hard lesson in recent

weeks when vandals slashed tires and beat on cars with a baseball bat in two separate crime sprees.

Such rashes of vehicle vandalism are rare, officers said. In fact, neither the Spokane Police Department nor Spokane County Sheriff's Office even tracks statistics on vehicle vandalism. Those numbers are instead incorporated into the larger category of malicious mischief.

The recent works of several malcontents were isolated incidents, said Spokane Officer Janice Dashiell.

"It just doesn't much happen," said Spokane County sheriff's Sgt. Dave Reagan. Spokane Valley residents experienced a car-smashing spree last summer, but there haven't been similar problems this year, Reagan said.

Dashiell said damage is more often caused during vehicle prowling.

Whatever the reason (or lack of one) for the destruction, the victims end up paying.

"A lot of times with vandalism it doesn't pay to

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Adult home owner barred

Records detail abuse accusations

BY RICHARD ROESLER
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OLYMPIA - Months after social service caseworkers quietly shut down a Spokane adult family home for reportedly neglecting and abusing residents, state health officials have revoked the owner's nursing-assistant credentials and barred her from reapplying for 20 years.

Misty D. Downing, 32, "repeatedly physically, mentally and verbally abused residents," the Department of Social and Health Services concluded, saying it believed allegations of "physical restraint, inappropriate isolation and verbal assault" at the home.

Among those allegations: Downing taped one resident to a chair and taped her mouth shut, and punished another woman with "freezing cold" baths.

"I just don't think she understood the concept of how you're supposed to treat residents, what rights they have," said Shirlee Steiner, Northeastern Washington's regional administrator for the state Division of Residential Care Services.

The allegations are contained in hundreds of pages of records released in the past few days by the Department of Social and Health Services and Department of Health in response to Spokesman-Review records requests. The documents show a two-year pattern of anonymous complaints about the home, followed by confrontations between Downing and state investigators. Downing - who could not be reached for comment - called it harassment, telling officials that she didn't have time for bureaucrats and their "liberal stuff."

"This is so wasting my time typing this, but I want you to feel just slightly convicted (sic) about the fact that you are digging to find crap that isn't even there," she wrote in one fax to the state. "So come at me with all you got, God is bigger than you!"

Located at 1117 N. Astor Road, the Downing Adult Family Home - Downing called it a ministry - opened in

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