AJ 750 Ethics in Criminal Justice Case study # 1

ETHICAL DILEMMAS

**Read the following case study. Identify and relate in your answer, from Patty’s view, her father, the radical extremists and the community of law enforcement court and corrections.**

Situation 1

Patty was a rich businessman’s daughter. She had the best of everything all her life. Her future would have been college, a good marriage to a successful young man, and a life of comparative luxury, except that she was kidnapped by a small band of radical extremists who sought to overthrow the government by terror, intimidation, and robbery. After being raped, beaten, and locked in a small, dark closet for many days, and continually taunted and threatened, she was told she must participate with the terrorist gang in a bank robbery. If she didn’t, she and her family would be killed. During the course of the robbery, a bank guard was shot.

Was her action immoral?

What if she had killed the guard?

What if the terrorists had kidnapped her mother or father, too, and told her if she didn’t cooperate, they would kill her parents immediately?

What would you have done in her place?