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In a society which has what appears to be increasingly polarizing political ideologies, it comes as no surprise that politics can be a sensitive topic, even with those who share the same beliefs as ourselves. When fear of losing sets in, people can be driven to do what it takes to win, which is the case of some political campaigns. This phenomenon can be seen through real-life case law such as *United States v. Nguyen*, 673 F.3d 1259, which is the inspiration for this hypothetical. Through the lens of a mock trial document, I hypothesize what *United States v. Nguyen* could look like if the facts of the case were a bit different.

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