Responsibility Meter Report

Appeals court pauses limits on tear gas use at Portland ICE building

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Event harm: 68.6 · Confidence: 78.0

Summary

A federal appeals court paused lower-court rulings that had restricted federal officers from using tear gas and related force outside the Portland ICE building during protests. The order reopened room for aggressive crowd-control tactics while litigation over protest policing continues.

Top actors

1. Federal protest-control command at the Portland ICE facility | culpability 39.4 | confidence 68.0
2. Ninth Circuit motions panel | culpability 38.8 | confidence 88.0

Formulas

eventHarm = (20*severity + 12*scale + 15*irreversibility + 12*targetVulnerability + 15*rightsInvasion + 16*intentionality + 10*duration) / 5

actorResponsibility = (15*authorship + 18*decisionPower + 10*interpretivePower + 12*executionControl + 10*knowledge + 8*foreseeability + 8*discretion + 6*benefit + 8*concealment + 5*repeatSystemRole) / 5

confidence = (25*sourceQuality + 20*evidenceCompleteness + 20*roleCertainty + 20*attributionCertainty + 15*recencyStability) / 5

culpability = actorResponsibility * eventHarm / 100

Sources

• Associated Press: AP report on the 9th Circuit pausing limits on tear gas use outside Portland's ICE building