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I am a private investigator. I have conducted and sat in on countless defense witness interviews at the Pierce County Public Defenders office. As a defense investigator I have to say that taping defense interviews would only make things easier for victims and witnesses. When a witness does not allow me to tape record I have to rely on my notes to preserve their statements. When this is the case I take my job of note taking very seriously due to the fact that I would never want to misrepresent anyone's statements. This often means that I have to stretch out the interview, ask the same question multiple times, and make the victim/witness stop talking throughout the interview to make sure I am keeping up accurately. I feel doing this actually does more harm to the victims than if defense could just focus on the interview, get through it, and not spend so much effort on accurately recording notes.

I've seen that some people made comments that they've never seen a time where a taped witness interview was used to resolve an issue. Their statements are off point and misleading. I would like to add that I have personally testified for impeachment reasons in superior court while reading from a taped transcript of my previous interview.

I hope that you will approve this change.

Thanks,

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