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To: Faulk, Camilla
Subject: Proposed Change to Court Rule 4.11

Ms. Faulk,

I am opposed to the proposed change to Court Rule 4.11. I echo the concerns of the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) and the Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA) in their correspondence to you.

In addition to the opposition to the above mentioned organizations I feel that such a court rule would direct how I am to conduct my investigations. Signed written statements have long sufficed as evidence admissible in court. My agency often will use either audio taped interviews and/or video recorded interviews of both the victim and suspect. The proposed court rule has the means to tying law enforcement's hands to a certain extent by not allowing the third alternative of signed written statements.

It is a well known fact that mechanical and electronic equipment will fail regardless of the preventative measures employed to prevent such failures. Such failures will require us to reinterview the individual once the equipment has been repaired or replaced. Being able to immediately shift to written and signed statements maintains efficiency of the interviewer and reduces the time, trauma, or other factors previously brought forward in the comments filed by WASPC and WAPA.

Thank you,

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