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I am a defense attorney and I support being permitted to record statements. This may not be the forum, but justice would be better served by allowing defendant's to record police with all the new recording devices, or better yet, let the police record all their conversations with suspects, then we'd know whether Miranda was given or not and lies (defendant's or police officer's) or mis-rememberings of unrecorded statements would not occur.

In an important trial with what I believe was an innocent client facing nearly 20 years last year, it was very nice to be allowed by the Judge to play back the recording of the State's Witness who'd challenged the veracity of the interview transcript during my cross-examination.

The predominant apprehension of being recorded is not "how my voice sounds on tape" but rather whether today's deception will be exposed by the recording in the future.

-Todd