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Re: Proposed Changes to Criminal Discovery Rules

Please adopted the proposed rule changes to CrR 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.7, 4.11 and to CrRLJ 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.7 and 4.11.

The core of many of the objections made by prosecuting attorneys to CrR/CrRLJ 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 4.11 appears to be that giving juries more information on how law enforcement officers actually interrogate, identify and otherwise investigate criminal cases will cause juries to have less faith in law enforcement officers. (See, e.g., comments by Dan Satterberg and Adrienne McCoy). These objections are either baseless – because law enforcement officers are already interrogating, identifying and investigating criminal cases appropriately – or profoundly cynical, because law enforcement is conducting inappropriate interrogations, identifications, and investigation, in which case the rules are long overdue.

Sincerely,

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