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I am writing to express my concern with proposed changes to CrR 3.7-4.11. In summary:

- 3.7: New rule would impede law enforcement and assumes law enforcement are not trustworthy
- 3.8: Also impedes LE and unclear what happens if a witness refused to be recorded. Remedies are drastic.
- 3.9: Already covered adequately by case law.
- 4.7: Seems to include any possible indicia of possible exculpatory evidence, and the duty continues forever. Impossible standard.
- 4.11: Detrimental to victims and witnesses. No notice about right to refuse. Courts would comment on evidence by editorializing (via an instruction) as to why person refused to be recorded.

 Please reject all of these unnecessary and dangerous rule changes.

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