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Thank you for accepting public comments on these proposed amendments. I have worked as a staff person in the King County Prosecutor's Office in various roles for over twenty years. The reason discovery is redacted is because it helps bar the defendant from having easy access to names and contact information of victims and witnesses so as to help prevent attempts to influence or obstruct their testimony. In my many years of redacting discovery, I have found mistakes in the redactions sent to us by defense for review. The harm that can come from mistakes in redactions could be life-changing or even life-ending for those mentioned in the discovery. It seems prudent that given they are the community's attorney, the prosecutor should be able to review these redactions in order to try to protect the community members mentioned therein and to maintain the integrity of the case. I read in one of the comments that it was suggested that the rule should be amended because the defendant could just write the victim and witness names and contact information down next to the redacted version with the pencil the defense attorney handed them, I would hope that as an officer of the court, the defense attorney would not be allowing that.

As to the criticism that the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office will cease early plea negotiations if redacted discovery is requested, my understanding of the purpose of Early Plea Negotiations is that the defendant can opt to take advantage of plea offers early in the case, if they so choose. The defense attorney is perfectly capable of explaining the evidence against them and showing it to them in their presence in order to allow the defendant to make a decision on whether they should take advantage of a plea offer. Defendants are not entitled to plea offers.

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