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This rule does not alleviate the burden on defense. The State should be required to redact discovery that comes from the State. I have had cases come back 2-3 times for cases over 10 years old. Generally homicides, etc. and the burden of redacting all of the State's discovery is overburdensome, timely and costly. This burden should be removed from defense. It also creates a civil liability and there is concern that liability insurance carriers will not cover such civil liability. In my opinion, the entire rule should be revamped along with the duties to maintain discovery. With the electronic era progressing, defense contractors especially, do not have the storage or resources to store State's discovery for 10-30 years (especially on seriously violent cases such as homicides). In addition, the case law says we have to repeatedly provide discovery to the same client who requests it multiple times at our cost, expense, and time. This is a burden that could be lessened and should be.