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To even consider changing this rule without the necessary attorneys in place to handle it would ensure that the current system in place that is on the brink of failing (in my county and likely others) would fail.

I am a LEO in Yakima County and have witnessed prosecutors struggle to prosecute cases due to their own workload and the fact that they can not get defense attorneys assigned to cases they want to prosecute.

What I have seen, and I suspect this is happening all over the State, is a huge decrease in prosecuting property crimes. Well, property crime affects the victims who are not typically involved with the criminal element in our communities the most.

I know a lot of citizens and officers that have lost a lot of faith in our judicial system and if this rule is implemented, I feel that the aftermath of this ruling will cause even more damage to our citizens confidence in our system.

Please do not change this rule until there are people in place that can deal with the change.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ely

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