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Dear Court Clerk,

I urge the Court to reject Public Defense's newest attempt to amend this court rule. Witness can be tampered with in ways other than through physical threats or intimidation. For instance, in a domestic violence situation where the defendant/husband is the sole breadwinner, it is not uncommon for the defendant to remove the victim from the couple's joint account or withhold other daily necessities of life to encourage the victim not to show for trial or tailor their testimony in the defendant's favor. There are many more examples like this that the proposed rule would not allow a court to address.

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