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The Court should reject the proposed amendment because it carelessly violates the victim's bill of rights in a system that already disregards and re-traumatizes victims. This court should make efforts to preserve and protect the minimal rights that are awarded to victims. **The proposed amendment does not provide sufficient time for victim notification.** In many cases, prosecutors must still rely on the postal system to provide victims with notice that a case has been filed and scheduled for arraignment. The proposed three-day window between filing and arraignment is insufficient to generate notice, submit it to the postal service, and have it delivered and received prior to the arraignment date. At best, the notice will arrive the day before arraignment, providing victims of crime with insufficient time to make work, childcare, or transportation arrangements to attend the arraignment and potential bond motion or provide input to an advocate or prosecutor to relay to the court. As a result, the proposed three-day timeline is not trauma-informed for victims on serious cases. Even eight days of notice would allow victims the opportunity to prepare for the stress of attending and participating in an arraignment hearing.

Thank you.



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